

MINUTES

Dane County Cities and Villages Association

March 6, 2024

ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:
Black Earth:
Blue Mounds:
Brooklyn:
Cambridge: President Mark McNally
Cottage Grove:
Cross Plains:
Dane: Trustee Roger Schmidt
Deerfield: President Greg Frutiger, Administrator Todd Willis
DeForest:
Edgerton:
Fitchburg: Mayor Julia Arata-Fratta, Administrator Chad Brecklin
Madison: Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, Alder Regina Vidaver
Maple Bluff:
Marshall:
Mazomanie:
McFarland: President Carolyn Clow
Middleton:
Monona: Mayor Mary O'Connor, Administrator Neil Stechschulte
Mount Horeb:
Oregon:
Rockdale:
Shorewood Hills:
Stoughton: Mayor Tim Swadley
Sun Prairie: Mayor Paul Esser, Administrator Aaron Oppenheimer
Verona:
Waunakee:
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh, GPS/DCCVA
Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA
Justin Stuehenberg, Madison Metro Transit
Jason Valerius, Capital Area Regional Planning
Commission, Executive Director

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by V. of Windsor President Bob Wipperfurth at 5:11 p.m. The meeting was held in-person in the Village of Cambridge. Ten cities and villages were present, which is a quorum.
2. **Welcome Comments.** Village of Cambridge was the host, and President Mark McNally gave a welcome and an update about the Village of Cambridge.
3. **Guest Speaker: Justin Stuehrenberg, Madison Metro Transit.** Madison Metro Director Justin Stuehrenberg gave a presentation on Madison Metro, its services, recent upgrades and electric bus purchases, and partnerships with other communities in Dane County.
4. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting of January 10, 2024.** Trustee Roger Schmidt (V. of Dane) made a motion to approve the minutes from Jan. 10, 2024, seconded by Mayor Julia Arata-Fratta (C. of Fitchburg) and approved on a voice vote.
5. **Treasurer's Report.** DCCVA Treasurer Bill Burns was not in attendance, but DCCVA members reviewed the written treasurer's report. Mayor Paul Esser (C. of Sun Prairie) made a motion to accept the written treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Mayor Julia Arata-Fratta (C. of Fitchburg) and approved on a voice vote. Bob Wipperfurth noted that Bill Burns will not be seeking another term as DCCVA Treasurer. Aaron Oppenheimer and the City of Sun Prairie have offered to take over the treasurer duties. The DCCVA Treasurer and other DCCVA Executive Committee member elections will be held at the annual DCCVA meeting on May 8.
6. **Reports of External Committee/Board/Commission Appointees** (standing agenda item)
 - a. Lakes & Watershed Commission (David Clutter). Forbes McIntosh reported that today's Lakes and Watershed Commission meeting was canceled, and the February meeting was short, so there has not been much activity with the commission recently.
 - b. Capital Area RPC (Maureen Crombie, Heidi Murphy, Jim Schuler) Forbes McIntosh reported that Steve Steinhoff has retired from CARPC. The new executive director, Jason Valerius, has started in the role of executive director at CARPC. He was in attendance at the meeting and introduced himself.
 - c. DaneCom Governing Board (Valerie Zisman, Brett Halverson, Paul Esser). No report.
 - d. Greater Madison MPO (Mark Opitz, Doug Wood, Phil Caravello). There was no meeting in March. A survey on transit will be coming out in 2024.

- e. Dane County Broadband Task Force (Bob Wipperfurth). Bob Wipperfurth said the task force is continuing to meet with scaled-back frequency.
7. **Legislative Update.** Forbes McIntosh gave a legislative update, saying the Legislature is winding down for the year. Redistricting and elections will be taking center focus. He said the Wisconsin Department of Revenue has convened a work group on the maintenance of effort provision in the shared revenue legislation that was passed and signed into law in June 2023 (Assembly Bill 245/Act 12). DOR will be releasing guidance and documents soon relating to municipal reporting requirements. Accurate and timely reporting by municipalities is important as failure to do so would require the department to reduce a municipality's aid payment by 15 percent in the following year. In response to a question, an update on the "Innovation Fund" provision contained in the Shared Revenue legislation was not yet available.
 8. **Old Business.**
 - a. Upcoming DCCVA Executive Committee elections. Wipperfurth said DCCVA Executive Committee elections will be held on May 8.
 - b. Upcoming appointments to MPO (participating cities/villages) and CARPC: Watch for information on how to make nominations.
 9. **Other Items/New Business**
 - a. **Virtual roundtables.**
 - i. Municipal Referenda (was held Feb. 28). The video from this roundtable can be found on the DCCVA YouTube channel.
 - ii. Self-Insured Health Plans (12 p.m., Wed., March 13).
 10. **Membership General Discussion:**
 - a. Suggestions for speakers for future meetings, roundtable discussions or special events. Mayor Satya Rhodes Conway (City of Madison) suggested that DCCVA members learn more about the direct pay option in the federal Inflation Reduction Act. It can provide funding to municipalities for qualifying projects such as wind, solar and other infrastructure upgrades. Ann Gryphan noted that the Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change held a webinar on this topic earlier today, and people can contact Kathy Kuntz at the office for more details on this federal funding.
 11. **Preliminary 2024 DCCVA Meeting Schedule:**
 - Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 5:30 p.m. (annual meeting) – In person (Buck and Honey's, Mount Horeb)
 - Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 12 p.m. – Virtual (Host TBA)
 - Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024, 5 p.m – In person (Village of Dane)
 - Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, 12 p.m. – Virtual (Hosted by City of Sun Prairie)

12. **Adjournment.** Mayor Paul Esser (C. of Sun Prairie) made a motion to adjourn at 6:21 p.m., seconded by Roger Schmidt (V. of Dane) and approved on a voice vote.