

# MINUTES

## *Dane County Cities and Villages Association*

March 7, 2018

### ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:  
Black Earth:  
Blue Mounds:  
Brooklyn:  
Cambridge: Trustee Paula Hollenbeck  
Cottage Grove:  
Cross Plains:  
Dane: President Roger Schmidt  
Deerfield: President Greg Frutiger, Administrator Liz McCredie  
DeForest: President Judd Blau  
Edgerton:  
Fitchburg: Administrator Patrick Marsh  
Madison: Alder Larry Palm, Government Relations Officer Nick Zavos  
Maple Bluff:  
Marshall: Administrator Adam Ruechel  
Mazomanie:  
McFarland: President Brad Czebotar  
Middleton: Mayor Gurdip Brar, Council President Susan West, Finance Director Bill Burns  
Monona:  
Mount Horeb:  
Oregon:  
Rockdale:  
Shorewood Hills:  
Stoughton: Mayor Donna Olson  
Sun Prairie:  
Verona: Mayor Jon Hochkammer  
Waunakee:  
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth  
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh and Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by C. of Verona Mayor Jon Hochkammer at 5:10 p.m. at City of Stoughton Fire Station. A quorum was present with 12 member communities represented. The members were welcomed by C. of Stoughton Mayor Donna Olson.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** DCCVA members reviewed the minutes from the last two meetings on November 15, 2017, and January 10, 2018. Bob Wipperfurth (V. of Windsor) made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Patrick Marsh (C. of Fitchburg) and approved on a voice vote.
3. **Financial Report.** Treasurer Bill Burns (C. of Middleton) gave a financial report. He noted that the association is in good fiscal health. All membership dues for 2018 have been collected that Burns anticipated to receive. The current account balance is \$121,204. The projected year-end account balance is \$78,151. There are just two villages that have again chosen to not be DCCVA members for 2018: Black Earth and Rockdale. Judd Blau (V. of DeForest) made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Roger Schimdt (V. of Dane) and approved on a voice vote.
4. **Reports From External Committees/Boards/Commissions.**
  - a. **CARPC.** Larry Palm, C. of Madison alder and CARPC executive chair, gave an update on the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission. He said CARPC is undertaking a long-range planning process, A Greater Madison Vision. They are about to unveil a public survey and website to seek public input on future planning and take a regional look at what the population wants. Mayor Gurdip Brar (C. of Middleton) is on the steering committee. They will look at the data collected to determine the top five things CARPC can accomplish as a region, on topics that might include: transportation, collaboration, economics, jobs, health care, senior populations, etc. There is a May 1 target date with wrap-up in mid-June. CARPC is also looking at more collaboration with Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (MPO) and possible co-location for the two offices, to facilitate easier communication and collaboration.
  - b. **Lakes and Watershed Commission.** Susan West, C. of Middleton council president and DCCVA rep on the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission, was in attendance and gave an update on commission initiatives. She said the commission has created work groups on water volume, storm water, chlorides, volume trading and other topics. The chlorides group is working on a voluntary plan for commercial snow removal companies to apply chloride for minimal runoff. The equity and inclusion group has been working on getting minority youths to do publicity efforts. Three phosphorus work group members are on the Healthy Farms, Healthy Lakes Task Force. The groundwater water volume group has taken a lower role and hasn't worked on issues recently. The

stormwater volume trading group has been quite active, working jointly with CARPC for ways to deal with stormwater. They heard a presentation last week about Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's Greenseams program, which mediates stormwater runoff by making purchases of private properties in areas expected to have major development growth in future years, an effort that turns the land back into streams for recreation and wetlands, as well as provide flood management. West said she thinks this is an exciting idea that could be done in Dane County. The commission is also supporting other initiatives via the county budget, such as the county health department on chloride testing, bacterial testing of lakes, etc. She also noted county funding of \$2 million for Dane County Conservation Fund, \$2.5 million for legacy sediment removal process in Dorn Creek and \$750,000 for stormwater control.

- c. **DaneCom.** Forbes McIntosh reported that an analysis was done recently of DaneCom system useage. The DaneCom Governing Board reviewed the useage data to see if changes in payment methodology need to be made based on system useage. The board ultimately decided at its January meeting to keep the DaneCom cost-sharing methodology as-is, with no proposed changes at this time. Donna Olson (C. of Stoughton) said Stoughton continues to have some dead spots for DaneCom, Harris Corp. is working on making improvements, but 100% coverage is still not there for Stoughton.

5. **Legislative Update.** Forbes McIntosh gave an update on some bills. The Assembly has finished voting on regular session bills but might come back to vote on special legislation such as school safety. The Senate will meet one more time in late March.

- a. **Developer bill:** The developer bill has passed and is expected to be signed into law soon. DCCVA has raised objections to the bill. Bob Wipperfurth (V. of Windsor) said that although the stormwater provision was changed from 100 percent to 90 percent, the bill doesn't say anything about consumptive use, the water you take out of the ground that needs to be recharged. There might be some issues that arise relating to interpretation of the new law. Nick Zavos (C. of Madison) added that there were some bill changes relating to eminent domain that could be detrimental and expensive for municipalities.
- b. **Population threshold:** This bill passed unanimously out of committee. Dane County Executive's office had concern with the bill, particularly changing existing law relating to jurisdictional transfers, but one of the bill's authors, Sen. Mark Miller, dismissed those concerns and plans to move forward with the bill with no amendments.
- c. **Dark store bill:** McIntosh said this bill will not pass this session.
- d. **Wetlands bill:** McIntosh asked municipal officials to have their planners review the bill provisions.

- e. **Bike paths/walkways:** Legislation was introduced (AB 967) to reverse a state budget bill provision that now prohibits municipalities from using eminent domain for bike path and pedestrian walkway construction. Mike Davis (C. of Middleton) testified in support of AB 967 at the public hearing. McIntosh said this bill likely won't pass this session, but legislators are now aware that the budget bill prohibition could mean a loss of federal funding for some projects. McIntosh said he expects this reversal to pass next session.

## 6. Other New Business.

- a. **Nominations.** McIntosh reviewed the external committees that have appointments/reappointments coming up this spring.
  - i. **CARPC:** One seat held by Maureen Crombie (C. of Sun Prairie) is up for reappointment. She has expressed an interest in being reappointed.
  - ii. **DaneCom Governing Board:** DCCVA has three seats with no end term. However, Judd Blau said he would be willing to step off the board if someone else would like to serve.
  - iii. **Lakes and Watershed Commission:** Term not up this spring.
  - iv. **MPO:** DCCVA does not make a direct appointment to the Madison Area Transportation Planning Board, however those cities and villages that are part of the MPO should be receiving an email from Bill Schaefer asking for nominations for one open seat. Once nominations are in, those participating cities and villages will be asked to cast their vote via email to Bill Schaefer at MPO.
- b. **Closing comments:** This is the final meeting for two DCCVA Executive Committee members who are not seeking re-election in April – DCCVA President Jon Hockhammer (C. of Verona mayor) and DCCVA Executive Committee member Donna Olson (C. of Stoughton mayor). Both said their farewells and were thanked by DCCVA staff and membership for their service to DCCVA.

## 7. 2018 Meeting Dates. The remaining 2018 DCCVA meetings are:

- o Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 5:30 p.m. (Annual meeting and dinner. Location TBA)
- o Wednesday, July 18, 2018, 12 p.m. (V. of Cross Plains)
- o Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018, 5 p.m. (MMSD)
- o Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, 12 p.m. – Location TBD (Middleton Mayor Gurdip Brar said Middleton might be able to host this meeting.)

## 8. Adjourn. Judd Blau (V. of DeForest) made a motion to adjourn at 6:07 p.m., seconded by Bob Wipperfurth (V. of Windsor) and approved on a voice vote.