

MINUTES

Dane County Cities and Villages Association

March 8, 2023

ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:
Black Earth:
Blue Mounds:
Brooklyn:
Cambridge:
Cottage Grove:
Cross Plains:
Dane:
Deerfield: President Greg Frutiger
DeForest: Administrator Bill Chang
Edgerton:
Fitchburg:
Madison:
Maple Bluff: Trustee Jim Schuler
Marshall:
Mazomanie:
McFarland:
Middleton: Mayor Gurdip Brar, Finance Director Bill Burns
Monona: Alder Doug Wood
Mount Horeb:
Oregon:
Rockdale:
Shorewood Hills:
Stoughton: Mayor Tim Swadley
Sun Prairie:
Verona: Mayor Luke Diaz, Alder Kate Cronin, Administrator Adam Sayre
Waunakee: Administrator Todd Schmidt
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh, GPS/DCCVA
Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA
Steve Steinhoff, Capital Area RPC

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by V. of Windsor President Bob Wipperfurth at 5:05 p.m. The meeting was held in person at Verona City Hall. Nine cities and villages were present. There was not a quorum.
2. **Welcome Comments.** City of Verona Mayor Luke Diaz gave welcome comments and shared an overview/update from the City of Verona.
3. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting of January 11, 2023.** No action was taken.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Bill Burns (C. of Middleton) reviewed the financial statements. No action was taken.
5. **Guest Speaker** – Rebecca Giroux, Community and Economic Development Officer, Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA), gave an Affordable Housing and Community Development Update. She shared information about WHEDA programs, such as tax credits for multi-family affordable housing, single-family lending products, down payment assistance, reduced interest rates for first-time homebuyers and more.
6. **Guest Speaker** – Steve Putt, AECOM, gave a presentation about the Broadband Engineering Assessment for Dane County. The Dane County Board of Supervisors in fall 2022 approved a contract with AECOM Technical Services Inc. to complete a broadband infrastructure engineering assessment and to coordinate implementation of fiber broadband throughout the county. The assessment is studying what broadband capacity exists in the county currently and where there are gaps. Putt presented some of those assessment findings, as well as information about the Affordable Connectivity Program, which has 19,000 county residents enrolled currently out of the 67,000 that are eligible.
7. **Reports of External Committee/Board/Commission Appointees** (standing agenda item)
 - a. Lakes & Watershed Commission (Susan West). No report.
 - b. Capital Area RPC (Maureen Crombie, Heidi Murphy, Jim Schuler) Jim Schuler reported that CARPC will be voting on a USA amendment tomorrow night for the City of Middleton and will also be getting a first look at the long-term planning subcommittee's work.
 - c. DaneCom Governing Board (Valerie Zisman, Melissa Ratcliff, Paul Esser). Forbes McIntosh reported that the Governing Board met this winter, the first time in three years, to discuss an issue relating to the county taking over a Fitchburg radio tower. This would have DaneCom users take on about \$59,000 per year in operating and maintenance costs, which will lead to user rates being recalculated.

- d. Greater Madison MPO (Mark Opitz, Doug Wood, Phil Caravello). Doug Wood reported that more federal dollars for planning and projects is coming to the MPO. He also reported that Bill Schaefer has retired and the process of hiring a new person is almost final.
- e. Dane County Broadband Task Force (Bob Wipperfurth). No further report to add to Steve Putt's presentation.

8. Nominations/Appointments

- a. Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission. The term of Susan West on the Lakes and Watershed Commission is expiring on July 1. Middleton Mayor Gurdip Brar nominated Middleton resident David Clutter to the position. No action was taken due to lack of quorum. Voting will take place electronically.
 - a. (Addendum – David Clutter's nomination was approved by a majority of municipalities/chief elected officials via email in March 2023. His nomination was forwarded to Dane County Executive Joe Parisi.)
 - b. Capital Area Regional Planning Commission. The term of Jim Schuler on CARPC expires this spring. Nominations for this appointment/reappointment are due to the DCCVA office by due April 21.

9. **Legislative and Budget Update.** Forbes McIntosh reported that the governor recently introduced his 2023-25 state budget proposal and the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee will be taking action on the budget this spring. McIntosh reported about a legislative package being drafted by legislators to reform the shared revenue system for local governments. Although no written draft has been released yet, it is expected to include incentives for municipalities to share or consolidate services.

10. Old Business

- a. **Review of Roundtable discussion: Rethinking What it Means to be An Employer-of-Choice** (January 25, 2023). Bob Wipperfurth gave a recap of this virtual roundtable that was presented by Sharon Eveland, Shorewood Hills village administrator, and Jason Stroud, assistant city administrator for the City of River Falls.

11. Other Items/New Business

- a. **Library tax discussion.** Forbes McIntosh reported that he has been meeting with some DCCVA members who expressed concerns about the library funding formula and the amount of levy that must go to libraries. McIntosh said it most impacts counties experiencing high growth such as Dane County.
- b. **Membership survey.** Wipperfurth reported that DCCVA recently closed a membership survey soliciting feedback on member satisfaction. The

survey responses were generally positive. Wipperfurth noted that he would be reaching out to municipalities individually, as well.

- c. **Recognition of Mayor Gurdip Brar.** Bob Wipperfurth presented Middleton Mayor Gurdip Brar with an Outstanding Service plaque, recognizing Mayor Brar's service to DCCVA. Brar has served on the DCCVA Executive Committee since 2018 but is not seeking re-election to his mayoral seat this spring.

12. Membership General Discussion:

- a. **Speaker ideas for future meetings.** No discussion.

13. 2023 DCCVA Meetings:

- Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 5:30 p.m. (annual meeting) – In person (The Thirsty Goat, Fitchburg)
- Wednesday, July 12, 2023, 12 p.m. – Virtual
- Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023, 5 p.m – In person (Waunakee Village Hall, Waunakee)
- Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, 12 p.m. – Virtual

14. Adjournment. The meeting concluded at 6:43 p.m.