

MINUTES

Dane County Cities' and Villages' Association

May 7, 2014

ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:
Black Earth:
Blue Mounds:
Brooklyn: President Nadene Walsten
Cambridge:
Cottage Grove: President Diane Wiedenbeck, Trustee Harvey Potter
Cross Plains:
Dane:
Deerfield: President Greg Frutiger, Administrator Elizabeth McCredie
DeForest: President Judd Blau, Administrator Steve Fahlgren
Edgerton:
Fitchburg: Mayor Shawn Pfaff, Alder Steve Arnold, Administrator Tony Roach
Madison: Government Relations Officer Nick Zavos
Maple Bluff:
Marshall: President Marlin Hensler Jr., Administrator Sue Peck
Mazomanie: Clerk/Treasurer Sue Dietzen
McFarland: President Brad Czebotar, Administrator Don Peterson
Middleton: Mayor Kurt Sonnentag, Administrator Mike Davis
Monona: Mayor Bob Miller, Administrator Patrick Marsh, City Planner Sonja Reichertz

Mount Horeb:
Oregon:
Rockdale:
Shorewood Hills:
Stoughton: Mayor Donna Olson
Sun Prairie: Alder Jon Freund, Administrator Aaron Oppenheimer
Verona: Mayor Jon Hochkammer, Alder Heather Reekie, Alder Evan Touchett, Administrator Bill Burns

Waunakee: Administrator Todd Schmidt
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh and Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA
Jerry Deschane, League of Wisconsin Municipalities
Andrew Disch, Madison Area Builders Association
Larry Palm, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

Kamran Mesbah, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission
Ronda Hensler, guest of Marlin Hensler (Village of Marshall)

1. **Call to Order.** The business meeting was called to order by DCCVA President Mayor Jon Hochkammer at 7:15 p.m. at Gray's Tied House restaurant in the City of Verona. A quorum was present with 15 member communities represented. Verona Mayor Hochkammer welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Judd Blau made a motion to approve the minutes from the DCCVA meeting on March 12, 2014, seconded by Shawn Pfaff and approved on a voice vote.
3. **Election of Officers.** The membership held elections for the 2014-15 DCCVA officers.
 - a. **President:** DCCVA Vice President Kurt Sonnentag presided over the election of the DCCVA president. Jon Hochkammer was nominated by Judd Blau to serve as president, no other nominees, Hochkammer was elected.
 - b. **Vice President:** DCCVA President Jon Hochkammer presided over the remainder of the elections. Kurt Sonnentag was nominated by Bob Miller to serve as vice president, no other nominees, Sonnentag was elected.
 - c. **Secretary:** Don Peterson is retiring and not running for re-election. Judd Blau was nominated by Shawn Pfaff to serve as secretary, no other nominees, Blau was elected.
 - d. **Treasurer:** Bill Burns was nominated by Todd Schmidt to serve as treasurer, no other nominees, Burns was elected.
 - e. **Past President/Member-At-Large:** Hochkammer explained that this position used to be held solely by a DCCVA past president, however DCCVA amended its bylaws in 2011 to allow an at-large member to serve since there were no longer any other past presidents still serving as an elected official and involved in DCCVA. Donna Olson was nominated by Kurt Sonnentag to serve as Member-At-Large, no other nominees, Olson was elected.
4. **Acknowledgements:** Hochkammer presented outgoing DCCVA Secretary Don Peterson with a plaque, thanking him for his many years of service to the Dane County Cities and Villages Association. Peterson did not run for re-election as DCCVA Secretary, since he is retiring from his post as McFarland Village Administrator at the end of May. Hochkammer noted that because Peterson was a member of DCCVA since its inception he also served as the group's historian, providing valuable information to the rest of the Executive Committee.
5. **Guest Speakers:** Jerry Deschane, the new executive director of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, was in attendance and introduced himself to the group. He said that it is his job to "reset" municipalities' relationships with the governor and state Legislature. He also plans to update the LWM's strategic plan, which is out of date. Deschane said he plans to launch many grassroots efforts on legislative issues, as the group's message to legislators is delivered more effectively by representatives of local units of government who are also

constituents. Deschane said he plans to meet with the governor/legislators to explain that local governments die when you take away their funding source (property taxes). Hochkammer told Deschane that transportation funding is a major issue for municipalities, and since the governor/legislators seem concerned about economic development/jobs the transportation message should be tied to that. Deschane also said that it's not enough that municipalities complain about pieces of legislation that impact municipalities negatively, but LWM must also be proactive and put positive ideas on the table.

6. **Appointment of Nominating Committee.** Judd Blau made a motion to renew the appointments of the DCCVA Nominating Committee, seconded by Diane Wiedenbeck and approved on a voice vote. (They are John Laubmeier, Donna Olson and Steve Staton.)
7. **Financial Report.** DCCVA Treasurer Bill Burns presented the financial report. Revenues year-to-date are primarily from membership dues, with some income from the annual meeting registrations and a small amount of interest income. The largest expenditure is for Government Policy Solutions monthly retainers, followed by legal fees. DCCVA has incurred about \$17,000 in legal fees so far in conjunction with the Department of Revenue hearing on EMS liability insurance costs and more fees could be accruing. Once legal fees hit \$20,000 they would need to go back to the DCCVA Executive Committee for review/approval. Legal fees could exceed \$30,000 should the case go to appeal. Hochkammer noted that it is important that DCCVA win this issue. Burns said that although some money is budgeted for legal fees in 2014, the DCCVA might need to consider a membership dues increase to create a reserve for legal fees should the need for legal representation arise again in the future. The last membership dues increase was in 2010, previous to that it was in 2003. This will be discussed further at the July DCCVA membership meeting. Judd Blau made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Shawn Pfaff and approved on a voice vote.
8. **Appointments to External Committees.** The following cities/villages appointments to external boards or commissions have terms that are about to expire this spring:
 - a) **Capital Area Regional Planning Commission:** Eric Hohol of Stoughton and Evan Touchett of Verona are seeking DCCVA representative seats on CARPC. Hohol is seeking re-appointment to another 3-year term. Touchett would fill the remainder of Kurt Sonnentag's term on CARPC. Sonnentag resigned from the CARPC Board in fall 2013. Judd Blau made a motion to approve the nominations of Eric Hohol and Evan Touchett to the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission, seconded by Bob Miller and approved on a voice vote. Hohol's term will expire in spring 2017. Touchett's term will expire in spring 2015.
 - b) **Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission:** Susan West of Middleton is seeking re-appointment to her DCCVA representative seat on the Lakes and Watershed Commission. Shawn Pfaff made a motion to approve the nomination of Susan West to the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission, seconded by Kurt Sonnentag and approved on a voice vote. West's term will expire in spring 2017.

- c) **Madison Area Transportation Planning Board:** DCCVA does not have direct appointment authority to the MPO, however cities/villages within the MPO vote. Paul Lawrence of Stoughton is seeking reappointment to the MPO. Ballots are being sent out by the Transportation Planning Board staff to chief elected officials from municipalities within the MPO Planning Area. If Lawrence's reappointment is approved, he would serve for two more years (until spring 2016).

9. Legislative Update.

- a) **CARPC:** The issue of Urban Service Area (USA) amendment fees has come before the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission. Based on the limited feedback that DCCVA received from members on the issue, Hochkammer was unable to support the creation of USA amendment fees during the CARPC Budget and Personnel Panel (BPP) vote. The BPP did pass the fees, however, despite Hochkammer's vote against. A public hearing is being held tomorrow by CARPC on the issue of how to implement/assess the USA fees, and cities/villages that have an opinion are encouraged to testify at the public hearing. Hochkammer said that the problems with CARPC could be fixed by dissolving the BPP.
- b) **911 Center Board:** A county ordinance amendment has been introduced that would change the appointments/composition for the Public Safety Communications Center Board, as well as make it an advisory board. McIntosh said that something needs to change on the Board, but that DCCVA might want to consider opposing the ordinance amendment, O.A. 32-13-14. Nadine Walsten expressed concern about the ordinance amendment trying to take authority away from the board. McIntosh said he was not asking the membership to take a vote/position on the OA tonight, but that he believes he has enough of a consensus among members to be able to deliver general comments to other stakeholders on behalf of DCCVA.
- c) **DaneCom:** McIntosh reported that DaneCom is being delayed yet again. He said that at some point DCCVA might want to speak out more loudly about the continuing delays on implementation.
- d) **Jurisdictional Transfer of County Roads:** Shawn Pfaff said the DCCVA needs to talk about how we approach jurisdictional transfer of county roads. The City of Fitchburg went through a lot over the reconstruction of Hwy. PB, and the issue can't just be a one-way conversation with the county that cities/villages have to pay for these roads. Pfaff said all municipalities in Dane County will be affected by this issue at some point in the future, and it needs to be discussed seriously.

10. Other Business.

- a) **Meeting Schedule.** The remaining 2014 DCCVA meeting schedule is below.
 - o Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 5:30 p.m. (annual meeting and dinner) – Gray's Tied House, City of Verona
 - o Wednesday, July 23, 2014, 7 a.m. – Village of Mount Horeb
 - o Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014, 5 p.m. – Village of Marshall

○ Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014, 12 p.m. – City of Fitchburg

11. **Adjourn.** Bob Miller made a motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m., seconded by Diane Wiedenbeck and approved on a voice vote.