

# MINUTES

## *Dane County Cities and Villages Association*

July 12, 2023

### ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:  
Black Earth:  
Blue Mounds:  
Brooklyn:  
Cambridge:  
Cottage Grove:  
Cross Plains:  
Dane: Trustee Roger Schmidt  
Deerfield:  
DeForest: Administrator Bill Chang  
Edgerton:  
Fitchburg: Mayor Julia Arata-Fratta, Administrator Chad Brecklin  
Madison: Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, Deputy Mayor Reuben Sanon  
Maple Bluff: Trustee Jim Schuler  
Marshall:  
Mazomanie:  
McFarland: President Carolyn Clow  
Middleton: Alder Lisa Janairo  
Monona: Mayor Mary O'Connor, Police Chief Brian Chaney  
Mount Horeb: Trustee Brett Halverson, Trustee Ryan Czyzewski  
Oregon: President Phil Van Kampen  
Rockdale:  
Shorewood Hills:  
Stoughton: Mayor Tim Swadley  
Sun Prairie: Administrator Aaron Oppenheimer  
Verona: Alder Beth Tucker Long, Administrator Jamie Aulik  
Waunakee:  
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth, Administrator Tina Butteris  
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh, GPS/DCCVA  
Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA  
Steve Steinhoff, Capital Area RPC  
Toni Herkert, League of WI Municipalities

Che Stedman, Madison Fire Department  
Todd Campbell, Dane County Human Services  
Liz Duffie, Dane County Human Services  
Erin Kollenbroich, Dane County Human Services

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by V. of Windsor President Bob Wipperfurth at 12:02 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Fourteen cities and villages were present.
2. **Welcome Comments.** DCCVA President Bob Wipperfurth (V. of Windsor) gave welcome comments. He noted that DCCVA leaders are setting up meetings with DCCVA appointees, and appointees can expect correspondence about those meetings. Wipperfurth also recognized the five-year anniversary of the explosion in downtown Sun Prairie. Aaron Oppenheimer (C. of Sun Prairie) gave a few comments and noted that the city is seeing redevelopment at that site and the community is coming together to move forward.
3. **Guest Speakers: Mobile Mental Health Crisis Teams – Che Stedman of Madison Fire Department (Madison CARES) and Todd Campbell, Division Manager for Dane County Human Services Behavioral Health.** Stedman and Campbell gave a presentation about the Madison CARES program, which is a mobile mental health crisis team that is dispatched to respond to certain non-violent incidents in lieu of law enforcement. The program began in the City of Madison in September 2021 with one team consisting of one paramedic and one mental health worker. A second team with expanded hours at a second location was added in July 2022. 911 dispatchers are trained to screen incoming calls and dispatch the CARES team when appropriate. The CARES teams have gone on more than 2,800 calls so far and have autonomy to determine how to respond or refer the patient, getting them referred to the appropriate resource in the community, rather than just having the emergency room as the drop-off point. An expansion of the program is expected later this year to open weekend hours and then adding a third team during the week. Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway (C. of Madison) said that as the program expands, they could flex the teams across the municipal borders if other communities are interested. There is not yet a model for inter-municipal participation, but she said that could be developed. Carolyn Clow (V. of McFarland) urged the county to spearhead and coordinate this effort so that other communities can participate. Todd Campbell said too much expansion could lead to a program staffing/hiring crunch, so program expansion should be done smartly, knowing that not every outlying community has access to paramedics to expand this model. Other communities – including Jim Schuler (V. of Maple Bluff) and Lisa Janairo (C. of Middleton) – expressed interest in partnering with Madison to expand this program. They questioned whether the new state Innovation Fund could help fund this expansion.

4. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting of May 10, 2023.** President Carolyn Clow (V. of McFarland) made a motion to approve the minutes from May 10, 2023, seconded by Mayor Tim Swadley (C. of Stoughton) and approved on a voice vote.
5. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Bill Burns (C. of Middleton) was not present but the members reviewed the written financial statements. President Phil Van Kampen (V. of Oregon) made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Aaron Oppenheimer (C. of Sun Prairie) and approved on a voice vote.
6. **Reports of External Committee/Board/Commission Appointees** (standing agenda item)
  - a. Lakes & Watershed Commission (David Clutter). Clutter was not present. Forbes McIntosh said the last meeting focused on the county budget, with some discussion on PFAS testing and funding.
  - b. Capital Area RPC (Maureen Crombie, Heidi Murphy, Jim Schuler) Jim Schuler reported that there is breadth and depth to what CARPC does and noted that CARPC recently hosted a limnology tour of Lake Monona and Mud Lake that was very interesting. Steve Steinhoff also noted that Mike Rupiper recently retired from CARPC and that Steinhoff is planning to retire in early 2024. CARPC is interested in hiring an executive director and there will be a possible meeting of the CARPC Budget Personnel Panel to discuss that option.
  - c. DaneCom Governing Board (Valerie Zisman, Brett Halverson, Paul Esser). Forbes McIntosh said there was nothing new to report.
  - d. Greater Madison MPO (Mark Opitz, Doug Wood, Phil Caravello). Forbes McIntosh reported that at the last meeting there was a public hearing on amendments to the 2023-27 Transportation Improvement Program for increased funding for east-west bus rapid transit.
  - e. Dane County Broadband Task Force (Bob Wipperfurth). Wipperfurth reported the task force is working on its final report. AECOM, the consulting engineers hired over the past year by the task force, has been helpful in putting together the report with recommendations.
7. **Legislative Update.** Forbes McIntosh reported that the 2023-25 state budget has been signed into law. It contains a new Innovation Fund for municipalities that could be helpful and a shared revenue increase. He also noted that on August 1 there will be a new WI Supreme Court justice take office that will flip the court to a 4-3 liberal majority. The court is expected to take up a redistricting challenge case. McIntosh also said Assembly Speaker task forces and study topics will be announced soon.
8. **Old Business**
  - a. **Review training for newly elected officials** (May 2023). Bob Wipperfurth gave a recap of this new training that was held in May at the Alliant

Energy Center, co-hosted by Dane County Cities and Villages Association and the Dane County Town Association. The training featured presenters from eight different agencies/departments/organizations that local municipalities frequently interact with, so newly elected municipal leaders could learn more about them and their role. Lisa Janairo (C. of Middleton) said Middleton had multiple people at that training and they thought it was helpful. She looks forward to helping shape future sessions.

#### **9. Other Items/New Business**

- a. **DaneCom Governing Board appointment.** Brett Halverson (V. of Mount Horeb) was nominated to serve on the DaneCom Governing Board. He gave a few words. Carolyn Clow (V. of McFarland) made a motion to approve the nomination of Brett Halverson to the DaneCom Governing Board, seconded by Mary O'Connor (C. of Monona) and approved on a voice vote.
- b. **Resolution honoring Susan West, Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission.** DCCVA prepared a resolution honoring Susan West for her service on the Dane County Lakes and Watershed Commission. Lisa Janairo (C. of Middleton) made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Carolyn Clow (V. of McFarland) and approved on a voice vote.

#### **10. Membership General Discussion:**

- a. **Speaker ideas for future meetings.** Jim Schuler (V. of Maple Bluff) suggested a roundtable discussion on best practices for passive and active traffic controls.

#### **11. 2023 DCCVA Meetings:**

- Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023, 5 p.m. – In person (Waunakee Village Hall, Waunakee)
- Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, 12 p.m. – Virtual

**12. Adjournment.** Aaron Oppenheimer (C. of Sun Prairie) made a motion to adjourn at 12:58 p.m., seconded by Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway (C. of Madison) and approved on a voice vote.