

# MINUTES

## *Dane County Cities and Villages Association*

July 19, 2017

### ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:  
Black Earth:  
Blue Mounds:  
Brooklyn:  
Cambridge: Trustee Paula Hollenbeck  
Cottage Grove:  
Cross Plains: Administrator Caitlin Stene  
Dane: President Roger Schmidt  
Deerfield:  
DeForest:  
Edgerton:  
Fitchburg: Alder Tom Clauder  
Madison: Gov. Relations Officer Nick Zavos  
Maple Bluff:  
Marshall: Administrator Adam Ruechel  
Mazomanie:  
McFarland: President Brad Czebotar  
Middleton: Finance Director Bill Burns  
Monona:  
Mount Horeb:  
Oregon:  
Rockdale:  
Shorewood Hills:  
Stoughton:  
Sun Prairie:  
Verona: Mayor Jon Hochkammer, Administrator Jeff Mikorski  
Waunakee: Administrator Todd Schmidt  
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth  
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh and Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA  
Steve Steinhoff, Capital Area Regional Planning  
Commission  
Chad Lawler, Madison Area Builders Association

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by C. of Verona Mayor Jon Hochkammer at 12:10 p.m. at Village of Dane Village Hall. A quorum was present with 11 member communities represented. The members were welcomed by V. of Dane President Roger Schmidt.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** DCCVA members reviewed the minutes from the last meeting on May 3, 2017. Paula Hollenbeck (V. of Cambridge) asked that the minutes be revised to reflect that she was not in attendance at that meeting. Todd Schimdt (V. of Waunakee) made a motion to approve the minutes from the DCCVA meeting on May 3, 2017, seconded by Caitlin Stene (V. of Cross Plains) and approved on a voice vote.
3. **Financial Report/2018 Budget.** Treasurer Bill Burns (C. of Middleton) gave a financial report. He is projecting a year-end balance of almost \$60,000. This balance has been building over the past three years, to allow a buffer in the event of legal fees in the future. The Executive Committee is not recommending a dues increase for 2018, but a few municipalities will be crossing into a higher dues category for 2018 due to population increases. Projected expenses for 2018 are about the same as for 2017. The membership decided to vote on the 2018 budget at today's meeting, so municipalities have set membership dues in time for their own municipal budget preparations this fall. Paula Hollenbeck (V. of Cambridge) made a motion to adopt the 2018 budget as proposed, seconded by Bob Wipperfurth (V. of Windsor) and approved on a voice vote.
4. **Reports From External Committees/Boards/Commissions.** None to report from appointees, but Forbes McIntosh gave a few updates.
  - a. **Chlorides.** McIntosh said he attends many regional and county meetings and the issue of chlorides keeps popping up because of its growing concentration in drinking water and surface water. We might bring in a speaker on this topic at the next DCCVA meeting.
  - b. **MMSD Connection Charges.** As DCCVA has reported in our weekly newsletters, the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District is looking at increasing connection charges on new development. Some developers and municipalities are opposed to the large increase, McIntosh said. Due to opposition, MMSD is looking at a phase-in approach for the fee increases, to allow developers time to incorporate this fee hike into their property sales. There would be two different fee increases – treatment plant connection charge and a conveyance facility connection charge. DCCVA has not yet taken a position on this, since not all DCCVA members are served by MMSD and only a few came out as opposed to the fee increase. Hochkammer said DCCVA should at a minimum say we support a phasing-in of the fees.

- c. **MPO/Transfer of roads.** McIntosh discussed the issue of jurisdictional transfer of roads from the county to the municipality. Some DCCVA members complained about this transfer of roads by the county. The Madison Area Transportation Planning Board (MPO) was willing to study the issue. There will be more discussed on this topic at the next meeting.
5. **POLCO.** Representatives from the polling software company POLCO gave a presentation at a DCCVA meeting earlier this year. The company is offering the service to DCCVA member municipalities at a group discounted rate if at least 12 municipalities in Dane County sign up for the service. So far, they have 9, with 3 others coming onboard, so all will receive the discounted rate.
6. **CARPC Nomination.** DCCVA has one seat on the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission that is up for nomination/appointment. At the last meeting, DCCVA members – at the request of the City of Fitchburg - agreed to replace Commissioner Steve Arnold (C. of Fitchburg) with Tony Hartmann (C. of Fitchburg) since Arnold did not win re-election as mayor of Fitchburg. In addition, Commissioner Paul Lawrence (C. of Stoughton) also did not win re-election to his alderman seat. Lawrence, whose term expired this spring, has continued to serve on CARPC until a new commissioner could be nominated. DCCVA received one nomination for Lawrence’s seat – Bruce Stravinski, Village of Windsor trustee, nominated by Windsor Village President Bob Wipperfurth. McIntosh said both the Villages of Windsor and DeForest are supportive of Stravinski’s nomination to CARPC. Roger Schmidt (V. of Dane) made a motion to appoint Bruce Stravinski (V. of Windsor) to the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission to fill the term of Paul Lawrence, seconded by Brad Czebotar (V. of McFarland) and approved on a voice vote. Stravinski’s term on CARPC will expire in spring 2020.
7. **Legislative Update.** McIntosh reported that the 2017-19 biennial state budget is stalled, as legislators try to reach agreement on some remaining items including transportation funding. The Senate released their version of the budget bill yesterday, which calls for the repeal of the personal property tax in the second year of the biennium, as well as some levy limit referendum provisions. The Joint Finance Committee and Assembly won’t agree entirely with the Senate Republican budget version, but it’s a talking point in the budget negotiations. The earliest the state budget will be signed into law is August, maybe later.
8. **Other New Business.**
  - a. **Legal Update.** Hochkammer said DCCVA used to hold a joint legal update with the Dane County Towns Association and is wondering if we want to do that again. There have been some recent court decisions that would be worthy of hearing a legal update. Hochkammer said he has spoken with Jerry Derr about the idea and DCTA is interested. Hochkammer also

has a law firm willing to do the legal update. The DCCVA members discussed possibly holding the legal update in conjunction with the next scheduled DCCVA meeting in September in Waunakee. The DCCVA Executive Committee and staff will look further into scheduling this.

- b. **CARPC.** McIntosh reported that the Village of DeForest recently had a USA amendment denied by the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission even though it was recommended for approval by CARPC staff. There was some discussion about whether DCCVA should pursue a CARPC governance change. No action was taken. In other CARPC news, Steve Steinhoff gave an update on a few items. He said CARPC staff has produced a regional baseline document and he left a few copies for people to review. Also, a regional master plan, A Greater Madison Vision, is in the works and there are a few ways people can get involved with that, such as by attending a workshop or playing the iPlan interactive computer game.

- 9. **Adjourn.** Bob Wipperfurth (V. of Windsor) made a motion to adjourn at 1:05 p.m., seconded by Bill Burns (C. of Middleton) and approved on a voice vote.