

MINUTES

Dane County Cities' and Villages' Association

July 25, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

Belleville –	
Black Earth –	
Blue Mound –	
Brooklyn –	
Cambridge –	
Cottage Grove –	
Cross Plains –	
Deerfield–	Administrator Patrick Vander Sanden
DeForest –	
Edgerton –	
Fitchburg –	Administrator Tony Roach, Environmental Engineer Rick Eilertson
Madison –	Assistant to Mayor Nick Zavos, City Planner Rick Roll
Marshall –	
Mazomanie–	
McFarland –	President Mike Harried, Administrator Don Peterson
Middleton –	Mayor Kurt Sonnentag, Administrator Mike Davis
Monona –	Mayor Bob Miller, Administrator Patrick Marsh
Mount Horeb –	Administrator Dave Ross
Oregon –	Administrator Mike Gracz
Shorewood Hills –	
Stoughton –	Mayor Donna Olson
Sun Prairie –	
Verona –	Mayor Jon Hochkammer
Waunakee –	Administrator Todd Schmidt
Others Present –	Jeff Schoenfeldt and Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA Matt Dregne, Attorney Jon Becker, CRANES

1. **Call to Order.** The business meeting was called to order at 7:10 a.m. at the Middleton Municipal Court and Police Building in the City of Middleton. A quorum was present with 11 member communities represented. DCCVA Vice President Kurt Sonnentag welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes from the last two DCCVA meetings were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 28, 2012, seconded and approved on a voice vote. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 2, 2012, seconded and approved on a voice vote.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Bill Burns is traveling today and no report was presented.
4. **Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Adaptive Management Pilot Project.** Dave Taylor, Director of Special Projects at MMSD, was a guest speaker and gave a presentation about an adaptive management pilot project that MMSD is coordinating in the region. According to Taylor, the project is bringing together local municipalities, farmers and other stakeholders to reduce phosphorus loads in waterways using more of a watershed focus rather than an end-discharge focus. Potential phosphorus reduction approaches can include traditional wastewater treatment, adaptive management and water quality trading. Taylor said that it is often more cost-effective to use the adaptive management approach and make phosphorus reductions at non-point sources such as in agricultural settings. So far, 5 cities, 8 villages, 8 towns and other entities are participating in the pilot project, as well as many farmers. Taylor said he is especially pleased with the participation by farmers, many of whom are actively encouraging other area farmers to sign up for the practices. Estimates are that it will cost the region \$59 million to comply with total maximum daily load (TMDL) targets, however the four-year pilot project will focus on an area within the Yahara Watershed at a cost of about \$3 million. In addition to already signing up farm producers to adopt certain practices for the pilot project, MMSD also so far has developed an administrative framework for the pilot project, has U.S. Geological Survey monitoring stations operational and formed supporting workgroups and committees. The next steps will be finalizing workgroup and committee plans, conducting water quality monitoring, developing a strategy for rolling out the best practices and signing up more participants for the practices. They will also be looking at urban practices that could reduce phosphorus runoff, such as different curbside leaf collection methods.
5. **Capital Area Regional Planning Commission Update:** Kurt Sonnentag, a member of CARPC, reported that the CARPC Budget and Personnel Panel met recently to discuss the CARPC budget and is keeping the budget about the same as the previous year. Sonnentag said he believes CARPC is underfunded and he worries about losing staff, which would negatively affect the quantity and quality of work performed. A meeting of all local officials might be held in September to discuss the future of CARPC. The DCCVA has hired Rich Nordeng, an attorney, to represent DCCVA on this issue and propose alternatives to the existing governance structure. Jon Hochkammer said he believes that CARPC should be given more authority, not less. The Dane County Towns Association is proposing CARPC bylaw changes that would require that the Budget and Personnel Panel meet quarterly, have that panel make some of the decisions that the commission usually makes regarding USAs, allow alternates to sit on the BPP, etc.

6. **Dane County Interoperable Radio System Update.** Tony Roach inquired whether municipalities will see a reduction in invoices for the DaneCOM system, due to the delay in implementation. Forbes McIntosh will be looking into this, as DCCVA members believe they should not be billed the full amount for 2012. Jeff Schoenfeldt reported that County Executive Joe Parisi has been holding off on signing the Intergovernmental Agreements, but they are expected to be on the August county board agenda for approval, and then hopefully get them signed and returned to municipalities by the end of August. Some municipalities stated that they have not yet resolved the radio frequency issue yet with the county.

7. **Legislative Update.**

- a. Jeff Schoenfeldt reported that legislators are in campaign mode right now, as the primary has been moved up from September to August. The governor's office is starting to develop the state budget, and in September or October he will be meeting with interested parties in the budget-drafting process.
- b. Hochkammer reported that a mayor in Racine County is undergoing a recall. There might be legislation introduced next session addressing the recall election process in Wisconsin and DCCVA will look at it from a cost-standpoint for municipalities.
- c. Hochkammer said that he met recently with the Department of Revenue and DOR will be releasing preliminary equalized values on August 1, allowing municipalities a short window to review the values before they are published. Hochkammer suggested that DCCVA members review the preliminary values when they come out on August 1.

8. **Future Meetings.** The next DCCVA meeting dates for 2012 are:

- a. Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012, 5 p.m., City of Stoughton
- b. Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012, 12 p.m., City of Monona

9. **Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

Continue working on:

- Meet with County Executive re: DaneCOM invoices
- CARPC changes
- Municipal cost-sharing