

# MINUTES

## *Dane County Cities and Villages Association*

September 10, 2025

### ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:  
Black Earth:  
Blue Mounds:  
Brooklyn: Trustee David Berland  
Cambridge:  
Cottage Grove:  
Cross Plains: Administrator Carly Persson  
Dane: Trustee Roger Schmidt, Administrator Mark Steward  
Deerfield:  
DeForest: President Jane Cahill-Wolfgram, Administrator Bill Chang  
Edgerton:  
Fitchburg: Mayor Julia Arata-Fratta, Administrator Chad Brecklin  
Madison:  
Maple Bluff:  
Marshall:  
Mazomanie:  
McFarland:  
Middleton: Alder Lisa Janairo  
Monona: Mayor Nancy Moore  
Mount Horeb:  
Oregon: President Phil Van Kampen, Trustee Tim Higgins  
Rockdale:  
Shorewood Hills:  
Stoughton: Mayor Tim Swadley  
Sun Prairie: Mayor Steve Stocker  
Verona:  
Waunakee: Administrator Todd Schmidt, Deputy Administrator Lauren Freeman  
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth, Administrator Tina Butteris, Assistant Administrator Jamie Rybarczyk  
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh, GPS/DCCVA  
Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA  
Jason Valerius, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

Rory Rhinesmith, Clean Lakes Alliance  
Paul Dearlove, Clean Lakes Alliance

1. **Welcome and Roll Call.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by DCCVA President Bob Wipperfurth (V. of Windsor) at 5:04 p.m. The meeting was held in-person at Windsor Village Hall, with a remote option. Twelve cities and villages were present, which was a quorum.
2. **Introductions and Welcome From Host Community.** The Village of Windsor was the meeting host. Assistant Administrator Jamie Rybarczyk gave a presentation about number projects in Windsor, including the new Windsor Village Hall that opened this summer, the Windsor Road corridor redevelopment project and more.
3. **Guest Speakers – Paul Dearlove and Rory Rhinesmith, Clean Lakes Alliance.** Paul Dearlove and Rory Rhinesmith gave a presentation on the recent report commissioned by the Clean Lakes Alliance, “Economic Impact of the Yahara Chain of Lakes to Greater Madison.” The report studied how the lakes contribute to the regional economic health. The economic value provided to the chain of lakes operates through at least three mechanisms: property markets, quality of life and business tourism impacts. Overall, the lakes contribute \$220 million annually to the region. Dearlove said the region has a stake in keeping the lakes clean, not only for tourism purposes but for economic reasons. The study found that a 12-inch decrease in water clarity reduces home prices that are closer than 100 yards from shore by over 2.8 percent. Dearlove also spoke about the Renew the Blue effort. This cross-sector partnership of stakeholder organizations released its plan – A Community Guide for Cleaner Lakes and Beaches in the Yahara Watershed - in May 2022. Twenty-two stakeholder organizations have recently signed on to continue the work of the original Renew the Blue effort and will hold a kickoff event for a Renew the Blue Council in October 2025.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2025.** Trustee Roger Schmidt (V. of Dane) made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Julia Arata-Fratta (C. of Fitchburg) and approved on a voice vote.
5. **Treasurer’s Report.** Treasurer Aaron Oppenheimer (C. of Sun Prairie) was not in attendance but prepared a written treasurer’s report. President Phil Van Kampen (V. of Oregon) made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as presented, seconded by Mayor Steve Stocker (C. of Sun Prairie) and approved on a voice vote.

6. **2026 DCCVA Budget.** President Jane Cahill Wolfgram (V. of DeForest) made a motion to approve the 2026 DCCVA budget as presented, seconded by Mayor Julia Arata-Fratta (C. of Fitchburg) and approved on a voice vote.
7. **Reports of External Committee/Board/Commission Appointees**
  - a. Lakes & Watershed Commission (David Clutter) – Forbes McIntosh reported that the Lakes and Watershed Commission 2026 budget requests have been submitted to the county executive and county board.
  - b. Capital Area RPC (Maureen Crombie, Heidi Murphy, Jim Schuler) – Jason Valerius of CARPC reported that CARPC will be meeting tomorrow with urban service area amendments up for consideration. He said it has been a slow year for USA applications, but sewer extension applications are steady. He also reported that there will be joint CARPC/MPO event on Oct. 17 regarding cross-jurisdictional infrastructure issues and that CARPC will soon be posting to its website updated population projections for Dane County.
  - c. DaneCom Governing Board (Valerie Zisman) – No report.
  - d. Greater Madison MPO Policy Board (Doug Wood, Adrienne Nienow, Bill Jetzer) – Forbes McIntosh reported that the Policy Board met on Sept. 3. At that meeting, the board introduced the Transportation System Management and Operations Plan and also a resolution approving creation of a project funding workgroup.
  - e. Dane County Broadband Task Force (Bob Wipperfurth) – Bob Wipperfurth said there was not much to report. Federal funding is in flux due to the uncertainty at the federal level right now.
8. **Legislative and Budget Update** – Forbes McIntosh reported that the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District will be unveiling their 2026 proposed budget at tomorrow’s meeting. The budget information was posted to their website today. The proposed budget calls for an average sewer service charge increase of 4.7 percent, about a \$7 increase to the average household. Each community should receive an email from MMSD staff soon with their community’s projected service charge increase amount. A public hearing on the 2026 MMSD budget will be held on Sept. 25. McIntosh also reported that County Executive Melissa Agard is expected to release her proposed 2026 Dane County budget on October 1. As for the state Legislature, McIntosh said this fall might have a light legislative calendar, with few floor sessions and bills being voted on.
9. **Old Business.**
  - a. **DaneCom Governing Board** - Bob Wipperfurth said there are two DCCVA vacancies on the DaneCom Governing Board, and DCCVA is seeking two nominees to serve.
  - b. **Renew the Blue Council** – Bob Wipperfurth said DCCVA will have two appointees to the Renew the Blue Council – one DCCVA Executive

Committee member and one at-large DCCVA member. He encouraged city/village chief elected officials to make a nomination.

**10. Other Items/New Business**

- a. **Short-term rental virtual roundtable.** DCCVA will host a virtual roundtable discussion on October 1 on the topic of short-term rentals. Panelists will be from WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Public Health Madison and Dane County, the League of WI Municipalities and the City of Monona.

**11. Membership General Discussion:** None.

**12. Future DCCVA Meeting Schedule:**

- Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025, 12 p.m. – Virtual (City of DeForest host)
- Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026, 12 p.m. – Virtual
- Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 5 p.m. – In person
- Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 5:30 p.m. (annual meeting) – In person
- Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 12 p.m. – Virtual
- Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026, 5 p.m. – In person
- Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2026, 12 p.m. – Virtual

**13. Adjournment.** President Jane Cahill-Wolfgram (V. of DeForest) made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m., second by Trustee David Berland (V. of Brooklyn) and approved on a voice vote.