

MINUTES

Dane County Cities and Villages Association

September 18, 2024

ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:
Black Earth:
Blue Mounds:
Brooklyn: Trustee David Berland
Cambridge:
Cottage Grove:
Cross Plains:
Dane: President Don Postler, Trustee Roger Schmidt,
Trustee Julie McKiernan
Deerfield:
DeForest:
Edgerton:
Fitchburg: Alder Gabriella Gerhardt, Alder Donald Dantzler
Madison:
Maple Bluff:
Marshall:
Mazomanie:
McFarland: President Carolyn Clow
Middleton:
Monona: Mayor Mary O'Connor, Alder Doug Wood
Mount Horeb:
Oregon: Trustee Tim Higgins
Rockdale:
Shorewood Hills:
Stoughton: Mayor Tim Swadley
Sun Prairie:
Verona:
Waunakee:
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh, GPS/DCCVA
Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA
David Clutter, Dane County Lakes and Watershed
Commission

Cathy Brodbeck, V. of Dane, Dane County Tree Board
John Steele, V. of Dane resident
Alexandra Andros, Greater Madison MPO
Guest speakers: Melissa Agard and Dana Pellebon

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by V. of Windsor President Bob Wipperfurth at 5:10 p.m. The meeting was held in-person at Dane Village Hall. Eight cities and villages were present, which is not a quorum.
2. **Welcome Comments.** The Village of Dane was the host. President Don Postler (V. of Dane) gave welcome comments.
3. **Guest Speakers: Melissa Agard and Dana Pellebon, Dane County Executive Candidates.** Dane County Executive candidates each spent about 20 minutes sharing their perspectives about and vision for Dane County. The Dane County Executive election will be held on Nov. 5, 2024.
4. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting of July 10, 2024.** No action taken.
5. **Treasurer's Report.** DCCVA Treasurer Aaron Oppenheimer was not in attendance, but DCCVA members reviewed the written treasurer's report. No action was taken.
6. **2025 DCCVA Budget.** The proposed 2025 DCCVA budget was presented in writing. No action was taken.
7. **Reports of External Committee/Board/Commission Appointees** (standing agenda item)
 - a. Lakes & Watershed Commission (David Clutter). David Clutter reported that the commission has been working on 2025 budget recommendations. Proposed provisions include: beach health monitoring, PFAS testing, flooding and lake management, phosphorus pollution reduction, Yahara Clean and Yahara WINS, chloride reduction training and more.
 - b. Capital Area RPC (Maureen Crombie, Heidi Murphy, Jim Schuler) Forbes McIntosh reported that the last CARPC meeting focused on the MMSD Badger Mill Creek phosphorus issue. The DNR has given conditional approval to the MMSD plan for the creek. CARPC and Greater Madison MPO also recently passed a resolution recognizing Sept. 30-Oct. 6 as a Week Without Driving.
 - c. DaneCom Governing Board (Valerie Zisman, Brett Halverson, Paul Esser). No meeting due to lack of quorum, and no report.

- d. Greater Madison MPO (Mark Opitz, Doug Wood, Phil Caravello). Doug Wood also noted that the MPO recently passed the Week Without Driving resolution. He also said this year's applicants are exceeding amounts available for transportation for the disabled program, Specialized Transportation Services.
- e. Dane County Broadband Task Force (Bob Wipperfurth). Bob Wipperfurth said the task force has been meeting every other month. Don Postler (V. of Dane), who also serves on the task force, said the new county broadband coordinator is being fully utilized for various initiatives.

8. **Legislative/Elections Update.** Forbes McIntosh said the county executive's proposed 2025 Dane County budget was released earlier today. He will be reviewing the budget document in coming days. Initial information shows the average Madison homeowner will pay an additional \$17.47 in taxes under the proposed budget.

9. **Old Business.**

- a. **Updated wage study and work group.** Ann Gryphan reported that a small DCCVA work group will be meeting this fall to make decisions in advance of a new municipal wage survey of key municipal positions in Dane County municipalities. That survey will likely be conducted in early 2025 with results to be released around June 2025.

10. **Other Items/New Business**

- a. **Elected official wages.** Ann Gryphan also reported that she has begun compiling data on what Dane County municipalities are paying for wages to their elected officials. That information was shared with administrators earlier this month. It will be updated annually and shared.
- b. **DCCVA virtual roundtable on Dane Arts** – Carolyn Clow (V. of McFarland) noted this virtual roundtable will take place at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 24. All are invited to participate. She noted that other roundtables will be forthcoming this fall, such as one featuring the Ho-Chunk Nation. Watch for details.
- c. **DCCVA social at League of Wisconsin Municipalities fall conference.** DCCVA will host a social hour during the LWM fall conference – at 3:45 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton. All DCCVA members are invited to attend.
- d. **MMSD budget.** Forbes McIntosh reminded cities/villages represented on the Executive Council of Cities and Villages Served by MMSD to cast their votes via email by noon this Friday on the nominations to the MMSD Commission. Two people are running for one seat on the MMSD Commission.

11. **Membership General Discussion:**

- a. Suggestions for speakers for future meetings, roundtable discussions or special events.

12. 2024 DCCVA Meeting Schedule – Next Meeting:

- Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, 12 p.m. – Virtual (Hosted by City of Sun Prairie)

13. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.