

MINUTES

Dane County Cities and Villages Association

September 20, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:
Black Earth:
Blue Mounds:
Brooklyn:
Cambridge:
Cottage Grove:
Cross Plains: Administrator Caitlin Stene
Dane: President Roger Schmidt
Deerfield:
DeForest: President Judd Blau
Edgerton:
Fitchburg:
Madison:
Maple Bluff:
Marshall: Administrator Adam Ruechel
Mazomanie:
McFarland:
Middleton: Mayor Gurdip Brar, Finance Director Bill Burns
Monona: Mayor Mary O'Connor
Mount Horeb:
Oregon:
Rockdale:
Shorewood Hills:
Stoughton: Mayor Donna Olson
Sun Prairie: Mayor Paul Esser, Administrator Aaron Oppenheimer
Verona: Mayor Jon Hochkammer, Administrator Jeff Mikorski
Waunakee: Administrator Todd Schmidt, Assistant Administrator Adam Bentley
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh and Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA
Steve Steinhoff, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission
Michael Mucha, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District

Rebecca Powers, Dane County Lakes and Watershed
Commission
Sue Jones, Dane County Office of Lakes and Watershed

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by C. of Verona Mayor Jon Hochkammer at 5:12 p.m. at Village of Waunakee Village Center. A quorum was present with 11 member communities represented. The members were welcomed by V. of Waunakee Administrator Todd Schmidt.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** DCCVA members reviewed the minutes from the last meeting on July 19, 2017. Bob Wipperfurth (V. of Windsor) made a motion to approve the minutes from the DCCVA meeting on July 19, 2017, seconded by Todd Schmidt (V. of Waunakee) and approved on a voice vote.
3. **Financial Report.** Treasurer Bill Burns (C. of Middleton) gave a financial report. Not much has changed financially since the last meeting. He is projecting a year-end balance of about \$58,000. There is no dues increase for 2018, but a few municipalities will be crossing into a higher dues category for 2018 due to population increases. Paul Esser (C. of Sun Prairie) made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Judd Blau (V. of DeForest) 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. **MMSD.** The Executive Council of Cities and Villages Served by MMSD will meet immediately following this DCCVA meeting. Michael Mucha of MMSD will give a budget presentation, and MMSD Chairman Tom Hovel will also be in attendance. Council members will vote on one appointment/reappointment to serve on MMSD (Hovel).
 - b. **DaneCom.** McIntosh said the DaneCom Governing Board is discussing a potential billing change based on usage of the DaneCom system. At the last DaneCom meeting, they asked county staff to put together different cost scenarios and report back at the next meeting, which likely will be held in January.
5. **Guest Speaker – Chloride Work Group Update by Sue Jones, Dane County Office of Lakes and Watershed.** Sue Jones of the Dane County Office of Lakes and Watershed said the first joint meeting of CARPC and the Lakes and Watershed Commission will be held on Sept. 28. Rebecca Powers said water volume as well as water quality are issues in the county and they need to get ahead of those issues, especially with more extreme rain events. The Stormwater Technical Advisory Committee had some technical recommendations on stormwater volume control, but the groups need more information before they're

comfortable moving forward. Sue Jones then gave a presentation on the county's chloride reduction initiatives. Salt from water softeners and from winter road salt application are causing greater chloride build-up in area surface and ground waters. She said demands from the public have changed – where people now expect roads to be clear of snow and ice, even during severe weather. She said the City of Madison has recorded high chloride levels in one city well in particular – the chloride level has doubled there in recent years. Both the Lakes and Watershed Commission and MMSD have chloride reduction programs:

- a. MMSD provides rebates for increasing efficiency of water softeners.
- b. The Office of Lakes and Watershed has hosted trainings for large businesses to talk about new technologies available.
- c. The Salt Wise Partnership has also been developed, to encourage reduced demand for road salt and share ways communities can reduce chloride application rates.
- d. Local guidelines on salt application have also been developed and will be posted on the WI Salt Wise website soon. These guidelines will be used in a pilot program this winter.
- e. There is also a voluntary certification program established in Dane County for chloride applicators, with training available.

6. **Legislative and State Budget Update.** Forbes McIntosh gave an update on a legislative draft that he is working on on behalf of DCCVA regarding jurisdictional transfer of county roads. He has both Republicans and Democrats willing to be sponsors of the legislation. More details about this will be shared at future DCCVA meetings. McIntosh also gave a brief update on the 2017-19 state budget. The Assembly and Senate have finalized the biennial state budget, and today Gov. Scott Walker issued 99 vetoes. The vetoes included a veto of a budget bill provision that would have restricted municipalities' ability to regulate quarries. One budget bill item of concern that did not get vetoed eliminates municipalities' ability to use eminent domain for bicycle and pedestrian path development. McIntosh also said the state Senate won't meet again until Oct. 31 and the state Assembly might wrap up its general business floor periods in January. Due to a compressed timeline for this legislative session, legislators are involved in excessive committee activity right now, as they try to move bills through the legislative process quickly before the end of the session.

7. **Other New Business.**

- a. **Legal Update.** Hochkammer said the Dane County Cities and Villages Association and Dane County Towns Association will jointly present a Legal Update on October 30. He invites people to get him the topics they would like to see presented. Some potential topics might include: open meetings law, collective bargaining negotiations, etc.

- b. **A Greater Madison Vision Update.** Steve Steinhoff gave an update on the work the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission is doing to update the regional development plan. CARPC is tasked with developing a master plan for the physical development of the region, A Greater Madison Vision. CARPC has done a lot of outreach so far this year. CARPC staff and commissioners are happy to talk with city/village officials one-on-one or hold listening sessions with people in their communities – they want as many voices providing input as possible. CARPC is working on creating four different growth scenarios, a map of the future. They will put that out for public feedback next year. A steering committee will have a role in creating those scenarios but need as much feedback as possible in coming months.
 - c. **County strategic planning.** Hochkammer said he received a call today from Bob Salov of the Dane County Board of Supervisors. The county is looking at doing strategic planning and is seeking input from other stakeholders. The county has prepared a Survey Monkey electronic survey and DCCVA will share that survey with DCCVA members. They are asked to fill it out.
8. **Adjourn.** Adam Ruechel (V. of Marshall) made a motion to adjourn at 6:33 p.m., seconded Roger Schmidt (V. of Dane) and approved on a voice vote.