

DCTA Membership Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2014 – 7:00pm
Verona Town Hall
335 N. Nine Mound Road
Verona, WI 53593

Meeting called to order by President Derr at 7:01 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance – led by Verona Town Chair, David Combs.

Introduction of Guests - Manfred Enburg - Verona, Mark Geller - Verona, David Combs - Verona, Dan Everson - Dane County Staff, Ronn Ferrell - County Board Supervisor, Mike Willett - County Board Supervisor candidate from Verona, Todd Osborne - County Board Supervisor candidate from Cross Plains, Steve Anders - Cottage Grove, Kris Hampton - Cottage Grove, Mike DuPlayee - Cottage Grove, Fred Beuthin - Mazomanie, Robin Loger - Yahara Materials, Renee Burcalow - Dane County Aggregate Producers, Tim Geoghegan - Yahara Materials, John Van Dinter - Westport, Don Madelung - Windsor, Bob Lee - Dane, Tom Culliton - Vermont, Dale Beske - Rutland, Lyle Updike - Sun Prairie, Doug Yelk - Sun Prairie, Jeff Freppon - Vienna, Jon Halverson - aggregate producer, Ted Olson - Dunkirk, Jerry Derr - Bristol, Tim Roehl - Middleton, Jim Pulvermacher - Springfield, Mick Klein Kennedy - Perry, Patrick Miles - Dane County Supervisor, Renee Lauber - DCTA, Mark Hazelbaker - DCTA Attorney.

Update on Dane Com – John DeJung, Dane County Director of Public Safety, gave an update on the Dane Com system and answered questions.

Q: The city of Madison has expressed displeasure with the system and there is talk of the city perhaps seeking service elsewhere or creating its own system. What do you know about that?

A: The city has issues with the dispatch system - the computer aided dispatch or CAD - that does not extend to Dane Com. And it simply is not a good idea operationally for Madison to it go alone and would be expensive.

Q: Ground command on the scene - where does that fit into the system and how is that looking for you?

A: Interoperability coverage capacity will be better with Dane Com. We should be improving the ability of support personnel to work together in this new system.

Q: 47 square miles in the southwest end of Dane County is not going to be covered. What are you doing about that? What do we need to do? Add towers?

A: When we contracted for the system we required coverage of 95% of the county at test level inside of a house with a radio on a hip - that doesn't mean it won't work outside of the building or in a car with antenna on the roof. So there will be coverage in that area - just not at the hip inside a building.

Q: The Federal mandate is to have a digital system. Why are some analogue radios still in the mix?

A: Analogue tactical is being used in specific situations because it works better with background noise.

Q: Regarding the predicted lack of coverage – who did the testing? And what are you doing about it?

A: Testing was done jointly between Harris and county personnel. What are we doing about predicted lack of coverage? There will be coverage but not at hip level inside of a building. We are exploring options, the WiscCom tower site at Blue Mounds State Park might be part of the answer. Adding another tower site might be part of the answer.

Q: Last fall was the last governing board meeting for Dane Com-I asked about projected costs – we need to know is cost escalation going to end or is it going to spiral? Towns need this information.

A: There was another meeting in January – John noted that he needs to get the correct email address to send information to Jim Pulvermacher. Once Dane Com goes operational we will have a year warrantee – then cost of living adjustments and computer updates should be the only cost increases. Cost should plateau in 2018. We did not previously have all the towns on our email distribution list – we have now corrected that.

Q: Several people noted that towns need to be communicated with directly. The county appears to be using police and EMS administrators to push for improvements. Address the elected officials not the EMS Districts – don't talk money with them.

A: The cost sharing model is good through 2015. After that the Governing Board (which has a cross section of representation) will review the cost allocation and suggest changes.

Presentation - Office of Business Development on reducing government red tape to solve problems, work with you to identify laws and rules that need to be reformed (or removed) and link you to various business services available in the state

Nancy Mistele, Director, Office of Business Development, Department of Administration

Nancy Mistele gave a detailed presentation on the work of the Office of Business Development to eliminate obsolete statutes and rule language, understand the impact of agency guidance documents, contact agencies to remove red tape or staff inconsistencies, and to advocate for business interests. She emphasized that she needs to hear from constituents as to what the problems are and that she would appreciate invitations to speak with other groups in Wisconsin. Several people commented that passing town TIF legislation would be helpful.

District Reports - none given.

CARPC Update

Jerry Derr thanked Kris Hampton for agreeing to serve on CARPC again and noted that another seat will open up in April / May. If anyone is interested please let Jerry know.

The Budget and Personnel Panel (BPP) is scheduled to meet on March 5th. They will consider implementation of Urban Service Area expansion user fees. Right now CARPC is \$50,000 short on the revenue side. If user fees don't pass then the BPP will have to consider reducing CARPC's operating budget by the \$50,000 amount that had been anticipated in user fee revenue.

Discuss Resource Protection Corridors Proposal

(Per request at December Membership Meeting, towns should have received maps showing proposed changes to hydric soils and floodplains. We would like to discuss how this proposal will impact your town.)

Renée Lauber talked about the presentation Brian Standing gave at the December Membership Meeting on proposed changes to the Resource Protection Corridors and the maps showing the proposed changes that were sent to all towns. Now that towns have the detailed information, the DCTA would like to know how the proposal will impact towns. This topic is being considered by the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. A public hearing will be scheduled in March.

Mark Hazelbaker cautioned in general against making any major changes in delineation of non-developable areas until Comp Plan case law is defined. There are questions about the roles of Comp Plans and the scope of the county authority.

Todd Violante, Director, Dane County Planning and Development, noted that the proposal is rooted in climate change projections coming from the state and the university. Specifically predictions for more frequent intense flood events. In most towns the proposed changes are a relatively nominal expansion of the Resource Protection Corridors.

Lyle Updike, town of Sun Prairie, asked for provisions for access across environmental corridors to allow for mitigation for access corridors. He also commented that the hydric soils maps are from 1968 and the boundaries are not appropriate. County inspectors should be able to look at soil borings and determine soil boundaries. Landowners should not be required to hire expensive engineers to remap the area for \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Jim Pulvermacher, town of Springfield, spoke to the importance of notifying landowners. All landowners should know about proposed changes to their property. Also if there is a conflict of what is called a hydric soil the town should make the determination – the county should not be allowed to require test after test. And if there is a small corner of a lot with hydric soils the whole lot should not be unbuildable.

Tim Roehl, town of Middleton, noted this topic should be on all town board agendas – 9 square miles of Dane County will be gone from development. We would be the only county in the state to go to 500 year floodplain building restrictions. The result of these proposed restrictions will be more annexations. The land owner will annex to the city or village were the county rules don't apply.

Todd Violante commented that full notification of land owners should be considered/discussed at the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

Dave Combs, town of Verona, commented on stormwater issues from city development. Instead of this (Resource Protection Corridor) effort, he would rather see effort in trying to manage development. He noted that he gets no help from Dane County – the County Plan only facilitates annexation and bad development. I can go to the city of Verona and they listen – I don't get that at Dane County. I am losing land faster than any town in Dane County. Verona is supposed to follow the policies for rural towns – that doesn't work.

Manfred Enburg, town of Verona. Towns are being treated as holding areas. We are frustrated with the blanket re-zoning. We need to have perspective and locate areas in towns that would be good for development.

John Van Dinter, town of Westport. Recommended to fight back against county control. Westport has removed most of its land from county zoning. They have also voted against every OA to force a comprehensive revision of the zoning code and thus the option for towns to opt out of county zoning.

Discuss OA 26 Regarding Non-Conforming Mineral Extraction -

Mark Hazelbaker commented that Dane County does not have home rule authority. Towns do have this authority and thus have more ability to regulate through police power than the county. Towns can create their own ordinances to deal with mineral extraction. Mark took the town of Dunn blasting ordinance and added provisions for general operations that towns can use to guide their decisions.

Jerry Derr noted that the DCTA Board of Directors has not taken a position on OA 26 because we got responses on both sides of the issue. He suggested putting a task force together to look at the issues.

Todd Violante spoke to staff endorsing OA 26.

Patrick Miles addressed the presumption that the county will deny CUP requests. In his 8 years on the County Board only one has been denied - last fall. A county ordinance will provide legal resources to towns.

Q: Has the county notified the 39 landowners yet?

A: (Todd Violante) No – the OA is still in process.

Tim Geoghegan- Yahara Materials and member of Dane County Aggregate Producers, commented that no one will meet with them. They would like to put together a task force to discuss this. He also spoke to a new interpretation (after 45 years) of the CUP exemption. Several other people also expressed frustration at the new interpretation.

Lyle Updike spoke in support of the OA because of county enforcement. We get participation in the CUP and if something happens that requires enforcement, we would not have to absorb that cost. It would be handled by the county.

Adjourn

Motion. Pulvermacher/Hampton. Adjourn 10:00 pm. Carried unanimously.