

DCTA Executive Board Minutes
October 17, 2012 – 6:30pm
Middleton Town Hall
7555 W. Old Sauk Rd, Verona, WI

Present: Jerry Derr, Tim Roehl, Pat Downing, Jim Pulvermacher, Bob Lee, Ted Olson

Also Present: Renee Lauber, Policy Advisor; Mark Hazelbaker, Legal Counsel; Sue Jones, Coordinator, Lakes and Watershed Commission; Jeremy Balousek, Urban Conservation Engineer, Dane County Land Conservation; Lyle Updike, John Van Dinter, Don McKay, Dale Beske, two other men.

6:36 Meeting called to order by President Derr.

Pledge of allegiance lead by Tim Roehl.

Review proposed changes to Dane Co. Ordinances Chapters 11 (Shoreland/Wetlands) and 14 (Manure Management / Erosion Control Stormwater Management).

Sue Jones and Jeremy Balousek passed out sheets with proposed changes to Chapters 11 and 14. They noted that it was the same handout distributed at the August DCTA meeting (posted on DCTA website). Lyle Updike noted that the proposed changes were prepared at the request of a Lakes and Watershed Commission Subcommittee.

Sue emphasized that they are at the beginning of the process for this and so far have also met with the Yahara Pride Farm Group and Farm Bureau. At this point they don't have a schedule for completion. There is plenty of time for feedback even after tonight. It was noted that these rules are county wide – meaning they will also apply in cities and villages.

Major issues discussed:

#3 on page 1 - Removing “clearing and grubbing” from the definition of agricultural uses. This would require permits for activities like clearing a field that has become overgrown or removing a hedge row. It would increase paperwork and fees. A larger minimum size was suggested. Staff commented that they would explore requirements from other county agencies. For example, they would look to see if Conservation Plans already adequately deal with these situations.

#8 page 3 – There are currently no expiration date for permits. This change would define when an application would be void – after 3 years.

Comments: Add permit extension option or renewal clause.

#10 page 4- This change removes fees for permit revisions but also sets a maximum number of 5 revisions before a new permit is required.

Comment: Maximum of 5 revisions criticized. Staff noted that to have more than 5 revisions would be very rare.

#12 pages 4/5

Comments: Request allowance for permit extension.

#2 page 5 - Are inspections required prior or post rainfall? Staff will review state statute requirements and make sure the changes are correct.

Next steps were discussed. Staff will do additional outreach and then will summarize and present comments to the Lakes and Watershed Commission Subcommittee. The subcommittee will review comments and give direction to staff on how to proceed. Lyle Updike represents towns on the subcommittee.

Consider 9/19/12 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Pulvermacher/Olson. Approve 9/19/12 minutes as written. Carried unanimously.

Consider Monthly Financial Statement

Motion: Roehl/Olson. Authorize the UW Credit Union as an additional depository. Carried unanimously.

Motion: Pulvermacher/Olson. Accept the monthly (September 2012) statement. Carried unanimously.

Consider 2013 Budget –

A dues spreadsheet was emailed to towns on 9/27/12.

Motion: Roehl/ Pulvermacher. Adopt proposed 2013 budget.

Discussion: The change to a single \$50 meeting payment (previously it was a lower meeting payment plus mileage) increases the taxable portion as mileage can be written off.

Amendment to motion: Pulvermacher/Lee. Change the per diem compensation to split \$25 for meeting payment and \$25 for mileage. Carried unanimously.

Vote on main motion carried unanimously.

Review Goals set January 2012

1) more timely communication,

Need to work to coordinate Executive Board motions with OA timeline from Dane County.

2) working to improve CARPC,

Will discuss during agenda item below.

3) working on the Farmland Preservation Plan,

Motion: Pulvermacher/Olson. Support approval of OA 15, 2012-13, Amending Ch. 82, Incorporating the Dane Co. Farmland Preservation Plan into the Dane Co. Comprehensive Plan and ask towns to support. Send brief explanation with recommendation to towns. Carried unanimously.

4) seeking a long term funding solution for DaneCom, and

The Counties Association – is proposing a state cell phone tax to pay for the capital cost of the DaneCom system. We should talk to the County Executive about this for operations and maintenance.

5) generally improving communication with county leadership.

Have established quarterly meetings with County Executive.

Update on CARPC

The Blue Ribbon Task Force met last week. They discussed an upcoming meeting with the County Executive's office and the 10/2 BPP meeting. Renee passed out notes from the meeting and chronology of efforts to reform CARPC (attached to minutes).

Motion: Pulvermacher/Roehl. Send chronology with summary introduction to towns and replace "significantly impact" in the second to last paragraph with 'reduce'. Carried unanimously.

Mark gave a review of information in the Dane County Water Quality Plan Appendix B.

Appointment to DaneCom Governing Board

Motion: Roehl/Lee. Replace Mark Hazelbaker (he does not meet the requirements for the board as he does not live in a town) with Jim Pulvermacher through 5/2013. Motion carried. Pulvermacher abstained.

Clean Lakes Commission

Motion: Roehl/Pulvermacher. Oppose the creation of the Dane County Clean Lakes Task Force as it duplicates work of the Clean Lakes Association. Downing abstained. Motion carried. (Note on 10/19/12 President Derr asked Renee Lauber not to publicize this motion.)

9:45 Adjourned