

**DCTA Executive Board
June 19, 2013 – 7:00pm
Middleton Town Hall
7555 W. Old Sauk Rd., Verona, WI**

Present: Jerry Derr, Tim Roehl, Jim Pulvermacher, Ted Olson, Robert Lee, Steve Schultz, Mick Klein Kennedy.

Also Present: Mark Hazelbaker, Renée Lauber.

Call to Order by President Derr at 7:01 pm.

Approve minutes from 4/24/2013 and 5/29/2013

Motion: Roehl/Olson. Approve 4/24/2013 minutes. Carried unanimously.

Motion: Schultz/Pulvermacher. Approve 5/29/2013 minutes. Carried unanimously.

Review and consider April / May Financial Statements

Mark Hazelbaker reported that he is working on organizing the accounts after Kimberly Carter's death. The UW Credit Union account is open. He is waiting for the CPA to review the BMO Harris account before it is closed. He is also looking to put funds in certificates of deposit with staggered maturity dates. The Association's books are always open for inspection on request.

Wayne Rounds, landowner in the towns of Cross Plains and Middleton, shared concerns with the DCTA. Mr. Rounds stated that he approached Cross Plains to use his land as a receiving area in their TDR program. He found out from Dane County staff that his land is a sending area. He also discovered that his land was included as part of the Dane County Parks and Open Space Overlay. He was not notified of the overlay or a trail corridor planned for his property. A discussion of property rights, lack of land owner notice/communication from the county when mapping and planning, and policies used by the county to limit rural development ensued.

Review and consider Fiscal Policy

Motion: Roehl/Pulvermacher. Approve the draft to be circulated to towns for comments. Carried unanimously.

EMS Insurance

The Board questioned if the county was comparing apples to apples in their projected savings. For example, the lower priced policies held by EMS Districts are supplementary policies – they cannot be directly compared to the county coverage. Concern that the removal of the county policy would result in the loss of nurses and doctors volunteering as EMTs because of new personal liability/risk was discussed. In addition Mark gave examples of districts with different insurance carriers suing each other (Juneau and Milwaukee County). There are major benefits to all the districts having the same insurance carrier. Using private service (Ryan Brothers) was also discussed.

More detailed town information on the specific impacts of the proposed insurance changes would be helpful.

Renée will work with Josh Wescott to set up a meeting with the County Executive. Tony Varda, John Van Dinter, Steve Anders, Jerry Derr and Mark Hazelbaker were suggested as representatives at the meeting.

Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC).

Last week CARPC commissioners recommended a 2014 budget. It includes a 1.9 percent increase to the county levy or 11.6 % expense increase plus an additional \$80,000 for a program review. The budget brings staffing from .9 to 1 and does not include continuation of the HUD/FUDA staff positions.

Motion: Pulvermacher/Olson. As the County has directed all other departments to prepare no increase budgets, DCTA directs Jerry Derr, as our representative on the BPP, to not vote for any increase in the CARPC budget. Carried unanimously.

Motion: Pulvermacher/Schultz. Ask the County Executive to use his staff to put together a workgroup to propose a replacement entity (alternative) for CARPC. Roehl no. Motion carried.

The lack of applicants for Sue Studz's seat was discussed. The County Executive appointed Ed Minihan to fill Martha Gibson's seat. Ed Minihan serving on both the MPO and CARPC was discussed.

Board of Adjustment. There is an opening for a town representative on the BOA. The County Executive has asked if we have any suggestions. Joe Ball was suggested. Renee will ask him if he is interested.

Motion: Pulvermacher/Olson. If Joe Ball is interested in the BOA opening, recommend his appointment to the County Executive. Carried unanimously.

Updates:

- Mayor Soglin's MMSD proposal – no comment from DCTA

- Wind Turbines – correction – work at the task force has stopped on Communication Towers (not wind turbines) because of state legislation that would have significant implications on the ability of towns and the county to regulate the siting of telecommunications towers. The proposal attempts to provide uniform criteria for review / approval of new tower facilities and to limit the ability of local units of government to plan for and regulate these facilities.

- Mineral Extraction –Patrick Miles will likely be introducing an OA this week that would remove the exemption for non-conforming mineral extraction sites. Tim Roehl talked about the Realtor Association's work on developing standard practices of property notification of adjacent or nearby uses including farming and mineral extraction. Mark talked about town's ability to use licensing ordinances. If a town has an issue with a mining site, they have the authority to adopt a town ordinance. Under Patrick Miles proposal all the non-conforming sites would have to go through the CUP process. The County will likely not allow these sites to reopen.

Motion: Roehl/Schultz. Oppose modifying the current status of non-conforming mineral extraction sites. Carried. Pulvermacher abstained.

- Chapter 10 Task Force – no change from Annual Meeting report.

- Comprehensive Plan - Renee Lauber and Chuck Erickson are co-chairs of the committee. They are working on getting organized and setting a realistic timeframe for the work.

- Amending chapter 75 – to allow easements for access to land divisions instead of the 66 foot CSM requirement being the only option. Renee announced that Pat Downing is working on moving this OA forward.

Other

- Jerry announced that the WTA is working on state legislation to: allow rural TIFs and let towns opt out of county zoning.

- Dane County's implementation of the new Shoreland Zoning (through NR 115) was discussed. The consensus was that landowners don't know about the changes and that staff were not implementing the program appropriately. There is an attempt to get uniform standards from the DNR. The topic will be on next meeting agenda for discussion.

- Motion: Schultz/Klein Kennedy. Issue certificates of recognition to people that have served towns for more than 20 years. Carried unanimously.

Adjourned 9:21.