

Minutes  
DCTA ANNUAL MEETING  
Wednesday, May 29, 2013  
7:00 pm  
Verona Senior Center  
108 Paoli Street, Verona, WI

Meeting called to order by President Derr at 7:10 pm.

Pledge of allegiance led by Sheriff Mahoney.

**Remarks from County Executive Parisi.** The County Executive introduced Erika Hotchkiss, County Supervisor from Verona, Travis Myren, Director Department of Administration, and Josh Wescott, County Chief of Staff. He reviewed town/county partnerships including Dane Com coming on line and spoke about his work investing in rural roads. He also spoke about working with the town of Springfield on their TDR program and with Bob Wipperfurth, town of Windsor, on farmland preservation areas.

**Remarks from Sheriff Mahoney.** Sheriff Mahoney spoke about a space need analysis at the jail, closing of the Ferris Center due to the Alliant Center expanding and work of the new crime analyst hired a few years ago. He asked towns to call him if they needed him at any town board meeting.

**Charles Tubbs, head of Dane County Emergency Management was introduced.**

**Clean Lakes Alliance Update.** Don Heilman, CLA President, spoke about the work and expansion of the two year old organization. It started with two people and they now have 15 staff. Working with farmers they have created a certification program, they are working on dealing with increased rainfall events, adaptive management, water quality education and have lots of projects going on.

**Mineral Extraction OA Update.** Patrick Miles, Dane County Board Supervisor and ZLR Chair spoke about non-conforming mining site issues. Current zoning defines mineral extraction sites that were in existence and registered with the county before 1969 as a nonconforming use. For all other non-conforming uses, if the property is not used for a year the status is removed and reuse requires meeting current standards. Mineral extraction has an exemption to the one year timeframe. Thus, sites that have been inactive for 20 or 30 years can start operations without having to meet current requirements. Supervisor Miles talked about the situation in Dunn and his work to minimize the conflict. The operator there agreed to many conditions that would have been in a typical new permit.

Supervisor Miles has drafted an ordinance amendment (OA) to make mineral extraction non-conforming status consistent with other non-conforming sites and remove the one year exemption. The draft was emailed to town clerks.

The county has created a new GIS layer that shows non-conforming sites so when people come in for a zoning petition the location of non-conforming sites is available. Mark Hazelbaker suggested that

towns should develop conditions to provide buffers from the sites. The Cooks Valley decision gives towns that have home rule power to require licenses. Jim Pulvermacher cautioned that DOT conditions for public safety projects often mandate work done at night for safety and traffic obstruction issues. Any OA changes need to allow night operations.

John Brixey cautioned a one size fits all approach. Martha Gibson noted that her town was surprised to learn that there are gravel pits and a quarry that could reopen. Why should something that has been sitting there for 10 -20 -30 years not have to meet the standards that a new operation would?

Bill White, Dane County Association of Aggregate Producers, stated the organization is looking for open dialogue and would like to work toward common sense solutions.

**EMS Insurance Discussion.** Travis Myren addressed insurance changes. Historically the county has provided insurance for general liability, auto and workers comp for volunteers. As the county reviewed the program double coverage and coverage inconsistencies were noted. The county will be discontinuing general liability and auto coverage. It will continue workers comp for volunteers. EMS districts are in a unique position to pass costs on to users and not spread it across the entire tax base.

John Van Dinter stated that Dane Com was the first step down the slippery slope of passing costs on to towns. Now it is happening again. Tony Varda challenged the assumption that an EMS district can get money back from users. Medicare will only pay a certain amount. This was presented to District 1 as this is what we are going to do – it was not a conversation. I thought we had an assurance when we agreed to Dane Com that this was not going to continue. This is a basic betrayal by the county of an agreement we have had for 30 years. Steve Enders echoed concerns about how the information was presented to districts and the assumption that new cost can be covered by increases in fees – the uninsured and Medicare can not pay. Can this get turned around?

## **Storm Water Task Force – no discussion**

### **Reports:**

Chapter 10 Task Force – Renée Lauber reported that the Task Force will meet in June to review changes to CO and AB zoning that are needed to comply with state Farmland Preservation mapping. After that, county staff recommended that the Task Force not meet again in 2013 as their work assignments are being shifted to a number of time intensive projects, including the update of the county comprehensive plan. Pat Downing noted that staff do not determine meetings of committees appointed by the county board and that he would like the Task Force to continue its work.

Capital Area Regional Planning Commission CARPC Commissioners Martha Gibson, Bob Wipperfurth and former commissioner Phil Van Kampen were recognized. The upcoming vacancy on the commission was announced. John Hendrick, County Board Chair talked about work done on a CARPC program review (audit). His office had initiated an independent program review and agreed to spend \$65,000 for the review. The County Executive declined to sign the contract.

ZLR Composition – John Hendrick reported that the issues he understood were: towns wanted 5 members (there were only 4 members for a year); wanted a town representative; and asked if a non supervisor could be appointed. There are now 5 members (Mary Kolar was recently appointed). Regarding a town representative, John offered to switch committees with another supervisor. So far there hasn't been a town representative interested. And finally corporation counsel ruled that the County Board Chair doesn't have the power to appoint non county board members to the ZLR. They are open to suggestions as to how to change rules and procedures to allow greater input from towns.

Comprehensive Plan Update - .Renee reported that a Supervisor Hendrick has appointed a committee to work on the 5 year update of the plan. The Committee has not met yet.

**Adam Gallager**, new County Treasurer, was introduced.

**Review of DCTA District Boundaries.** Mark Hazelbaker reported that about a year ago there were a few questions about revising our by-laws and revising our districts. He noted that the districts were not set up on a one person one vote basis. Populations range from 6,000 people to 16,000. The districts cover a reasonable amount of territory. The only way to achieve equal population is to go to a bigger executive board. Unless there is comment from the membership we won't take expanding the board up.

Changes to the by-laws are needed. For example allowing to ballot and meet electronically. Mark is planning on discussing such an amendment with the board.

### **Election of DCTA Executive Board and Officers**

The following were elected to the Executive Board: District 1 – Jerry Derr, District 2 – Steve Schultz, District 3 – Ted Olson, District 4 – Mick Klein Kennedy, District 5 – Tim Roehl, District 6 – Jim Pulvermacher, District 7 – Bob Lee.

The following officers were elected by the Executive Board – Jerry Derr, President; Tim Roehl, Vice President; Bob Lee, Secretary.

### **Other Business**

Mark noted that UW Credit Union is our new bank. Accountant, Charles Liberty, will be reviewing BMO Harris checking account before it is closed.

**WTA convention in Middleton in October.**

**Motion to adjourn Bob Wipperfurth/Jim Pulvermacher.**