

**Minutes**  
**DCTA ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 16, 2012**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Verona Senior Center**  
**108 Paoli Street, Verona, WI**

DCTA Executive Board Present: Jerry Derr, Jim Pulvermacher, Tim Roehl, Bob Lee, Ted Olson, Pat Downing.

Called to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Guests

County Board Supervisors: Bob Salov, Dianne Hesselbein, Patrick Downing, Ronn Ferrell. Capital Area Regional Planning Commission: Sue Studz.

Clean Lake Alliance (CLA)

Don Heilman and James Tye from the CLA gave a presentation on the CLA and its initiatives to improve water quality in the Yahara chain of lakes by reducing phosphorus entering the lakes by 50%.

Farmland Preservation Plan (FPP)

Brian Standing, Senior Planner, Dane County Planning and Development discussed the Draft FPP that was released in March. The County is working to have the plan recertified by DATCP by the end of this year. Having a DATCP certified program makes farmers in Dane County eligible for \$3 million in tax credits. Only about 1/3 of that amount are currently being claimed. The tax credits have increased under new program to \$7.50 per year – per acre and the income cap has been eliminated.

The plan is scheduled for one final review and edit by the subcommittee that drafted the plan. Then a public hearing will be held at the ZLR.

Larry Zeimer, Town of Vermont, commented that the plan prohibits development on slopes over 20% - their comp plan limits it at 30%. Brian noted that the intent of the plan was to be consistent with all town plans. He will recommend that the subcommittee make changes to the plan to fix this inconsistency. He asked for other towns to review the plan and let him know if there are other inconsistencies.

John Brixy, Town of Blue Mounds, commented on the requirements under findings of facts on page 52 that in order for land to be rezoned, the county board must find that “the land is better suited for a use

not allowed in the farmland preservation zoning district.” Brian Standing noted this wording is from state statutes, chapter 91 and that there has been a state requirement for similar findings of fact since 1981. He noted that the current statutory language was more flexible than the previous language.

#### Chapter 10 Task Force

**OA 39**, creating application requirements for Mineral Extraction applications has been sent to towns for review and introduced at the County Board. The OA will have a ZLR public hearing on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Towns have until June 21<sup>st</sup> to approve or deny the OA.

John Brixy, expressed concern that OA 39 was a back doorway to insert shoreland zoning requirements.

**Amendments to A-B, A-1EX and A-4 Zoning Districts.** The Task Force is reworking the language of these districts to be use based (similar to the way the LC-1 district was rewritten a few years ago) rather than list based. The hope is that the new format will provide greater flexibility. They will also be looking at adding language for limited rural business in existing farm buildings as a conditional use. This work is in conjunction with adding language required by DATCP to the districts to make them eligible for certification under the new state Farmland Preservation Program.

**Wind Siting Rules.** The state now has minimum siting standards. Local government standards cannot be more restrictive than the state law. However, if a local government has not adopted any standards, then there are none in place. The state minimum standards do not automatically cover local governments. The Task Force is looking at adopting by reference the state minimum standards.

**Communication Tower Administrative and Procedural Provisions.** A draft of this OA has been sent to towns and the communication industry for comment. The Task Force will review comments at its next meeting on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC)

Sue Studz reported:

- CARPC has started sending out newsletters in an attempt to improve communication on what it does and how it can help communities.
- The Budget and Personnel Panel (BPP) asked CARPC to come up with a fee structure. A fee structure was reviewed and is being sent to the BPP for review and possible implementation.
- CARPC has started work on its 2013 budget.
- The first two FUDAs are expected to be completed in July.
- A rapid transit bus study is underway.
- CARPC is working on an interactive tool (available on its website) for water quality.

#### Other

Patrick Downing extended an invitation to the Town of Perry on June 9<sup>th</sup> for Dane County's annual farm breakfast.

**Audit Committee.** Mark Hazelbaker announced that the Audit Committee, consisting of Lyle Updike, Chair Town of Sun Prairie and Greg Hyer, Chair Town of Cross Plains, reviewed the DCTA financials. Lyle commented that they requested written policies on how the record keeping and financial procedures are done. The Audit Committee will review the policies and forward it to the Executive Committee.

**MPO Vacant Seat.** The seat has to be held by an elected official that lives in the MPO boundary. Town Chairs in the MPO boundary can make nominations for the seat. The same Town Chairs vote on the candidates for the seat.

**Dane Com.** The DCTA needs to select someone from the towns to replace Mark Hazelbaker on the Governing Board. Mark served on the Board to review proposals, but he does not live in a town and needs to be replaced. Jim Pulvermacher noted that he is interested. Jerry asked that notices be sent out to towns asking if anyone else is interested in serving on the Governing Board.

Adjourn.

Motion: Kris Hampton/Lyle Updike. Motion to adjourn. Carried unanimously.