

Minutes
DCTA Executive Board
Wednesday, June 27, 2012
6:00 PM, Middleton Town Hall

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

Absent: Steve Schulz, Ted Olson

Also Present: Renée Lauber and Mark Hazelbaker

Meeting called to order by President Derr at 6:05 pm.

Goal of Meeting with DCCVA

The Executive Board discussed the upcoming meeting with the DCCVA (Dane County Cities and Villages Association). It will be a general conversation on reforming CARPC – no agreements or decisions will be made.

Negotiation Committee regarding reforming CARPC

To follow up on the motion made at the 6/13/12 Town Chairs meeting to work to reform CARPC, the DCTA discussed who should be part of the negotiations. They decided that the entire DCTA Executive Board was too many people to work efficiently. Consensus was to ask the following to take the lead in negotiating CARPC reforms: Tim Roehl, Pat Downing, Bob Wipperfurth, and Renée Lauber. The next step will be for Renée to set up a meeting with Dane County. The involvement of Mark Hazelbaker and Jerry Derr was discussed. It was decided that they would not routinely attend the meetings unless asked to do so by the Negotiation Committee.

Direction on 2013 CARPC Budget

The Budget and Personnel Panel (BPP) is scheduled to meet on July 11, 2012. The meeting agenda will include a decision on the 2013 CARPC Budget. The 2013 budget was discussed at the 6/14/12 CARPC meeting and a recommendation was made for the BPP. Detailed information on the 6/14/12 budgets was not posted on the CARPC website. Renée asked Chris Gjestson for the budget materials on Monday (6/25/12) and he stated that he would send them by 4:30 today but did not provide the materials. Renée also asked CARPC Commissioners for information on the 6/14/12 CARPC budget discussion. An email from Sue Studz regarding the four budget scenarios reviewed at the meeting was read. The four scenarios were: 1) 0.017 mills, 2) "flat" (same as this year), 3) 3% reduced expenses, and 4) 5% reduced expenses. None of the scenarios included funding for an executive director. Renee noted that the flat, 3% reduced, and 5% reduced budget scenarios were budgets requested by the BPP.

Motion: Pulvermacher/Roehl. Direct Jerry Derr to vote for a flat line (no increase) budget for 2013. Carried unanimously.

Motion: Pulvermacher/Roehl. Reiterate that CARPC should reallocate resources in the current budget to hire an Executive Director to answer directly to the BPP. Carried unanimously.

Farmland Preservation Plan

Jim Pulvermacher stated that Springfield, Blue Mounds and Berry have all asked for a written statement clarifying that Dane County has the authority to pass a new Farmland Preservation Plan without the towns voting to approve it.

Agenda for the BPP meeting

Jerry asked Renée to request the following items on the July 11, 2012 BPP meeting agenda:

- 1) Review and consideration of 2012 CARPC Budget
- 2) Review and consideration of hiring CARPC Executive Director
- 3) Review and consideration of amending the BPP to allow the Chair to call BPP meetings and for BPP members to appoint alternates to attend the meetings and vote if they cannot attend.
- 4) Clarify authority of BPP to review operating budget and its role regarding the CARPC Budget.

Pat Downing (6:35 pm) and Mark Hazelbaker arrived (6:40 pm).

7:00 PM Larry Palm, Forbes McIntosh, Jason Kramer, Mayor Sonnentag, Nick Zabos, Jon Hochkammer arrived.

The DCTA discussed its issues with CARPC including lack of oversight and accountability.

CARPC and its various functions were discussed. It was noted that approving USA amendments is only one of CARPC's many functions/responsibilities.

How to make CARPC more effective was discussed. Many were of the opinion that to be effective the RPC needs to include surrounding counties.

DCCVA stated many issues with how CARPC functions including:

- USA approvals – want a predictable and stable process
- Decisions from commissioners having nothing to do with NR121

A structure that could replace the current CARPC was discussed. A structure in which petitions were reviewed for completeness, perhaps using a hearing examiner or administrative law judge to make administrative decisions.

Changing the current membership plan was discussed. Having less commissioners and less county appointees/influence were discussed.

Separate budget line item for taxes was discussed. Jon Hochkammer reported that other RPC's in the state would not support a separate line item because they could then become a target for budget cuts etc. Other RPCs did seem to agree that RPC budgets should not be part of the county levy cap.

BPP structure was briefly discussed and the inability to schedule meetings.

Motion: Roehl/Pulvermacher. Adjourn 8:40 pm.