

Minutes
DCTA Executive Board
July 16, 2014 – 7:00 PM
Cottage Grove Town Hall
4058 County Road N
Cottage Grove, WI 53527

Present: Pulvermacher, Olson, Derr, Roehl, Schultz
Also: Lauber, Hazelbaker, Hampton, Meier

Meeting called to order by President Derr at 7:09 PM

Introductions.

Update/consider CARPC Levy Charge – CARPC certified a 1.3 million levy charge for 2015. The amount is more than double what the BPP authorized. The need for restructuring the organization and what would/could replace CAPRC were discussed. Deciding on a plan B and having a clear plan was emphasized. Restructuring through changes to the Membership Plan would be the easiest way to change the organization.

Minutes

Motion: Pulvermacher/Olson. Approve 6/25/14 minutes as written. Carried unanimously.

Financial Statements

Motion: Roehl/Pulvermacher. Approved statements as emailed. (Hazelbaker noted a per diem check correction.) Carried unanimously.

Update/consider Dane Com – The Governing Board will be asked to make some pivotal decisions in the next few months. Communities are going to start asking for upgrades and funding those “extras” will impact the towns as part of their operations and maintenance costs. The city of Fitchburg is spending an additional 2.3 million to get the upgrades that they want. The need for a balanced approach and individual communities paying directly for their own upgrades was discussed.

Tim Roehl reported attending the last Public Safety Board Communications meeting. Burn in has been delayed again. There are still many problems including communication interfaces – it is hard to hear on the new consoles. No straight answers from John DeJung.

Towns need to know for budgeting what is coming and when it is going to level out. Radio purchases were discussed. Many communities invested in new radios for the system – they now are being told the radios previously specified will not work with the system. Towns are deducting the cost of buying new radios from what they are paying to the county.

Doug Meier, new appointee to the DaneCom Governing Board, shared his background. He worked at the DNR in communications/radio towers build out. In that capacity he has worked with State

Patrol on Wisc Com. The system was designed to be offered to counties as part of their communication system. Some counties have gone with WiscCom. Was also a Fire Chief in the military.

Update/consider on Resource Protection Corridors (RPC)

Mark presented a detailed analysis of the impacts of adding hydric soils to the RPCs and regulating the 500 year flood plain. He noted that hydric soils are not wetlands. They are disturbed wetlands. Returning them to wetlands would require the conditions to be restored (drain tiles removed). A converted wetland is fair game for development. Filling can be done by farmers.

Let the towns address this in their Comprehensive Plans. Don't regulate it for them.

If towns do opt out of county zoning - this type of regulation can still be in effect.

Mark volunteer to attend the next meeting and present his analysis. Renee will let him know the meeting date.

OA 40 – Floodplain zoning. According to Dane County staff they recently found out that the county's floodplain ordinance is out of date. The DNR would like the County to adopt their sample language as a new Dane County OA. It is being introduced as a substitute amendment to OA 40 and there is a public hearing next Tuesday. This is happening fast and the communication is late. The DCTA heard about it through a legal notice. Mark has reviewed the DNR model ordinance language and has no problem with it. The DNR model ordinance needs to be followed. Any amendments will be opposed by the DCTA.

Motion: Schulz: Board adopt a motion endorsing recreating Chapter 17 as long as it is consistent with the DNR model ordinance. Failed for lack of second. Staff did not contact the DCTA about this, no comment is the appropriate response at this point.

Update/consider OA 26

Renee left a message for Patrick Miles regarding OA 26 and a misunderstanding. She has not heard back from him.

Lyle Updike, update on Lake and Watershed Commission

Lyle reported that the Commission is developing budget recommendations for the County Executive's budget. This year they set up workgroups instead of forming committees. They notice the meetings but formal decisions are not made at the workgroup meetings. Phosphorous reduction is a big issue. One of the things the Commission is going to be focusing on is the management of county owned land. Thousands of acres of land is leased. They will be emphasizing conversion of land to prairie and other things. It is hard to take land that is generating revenue and to change it to prairie. Changes will be made to improve water quality and lease practices will also change.

The Commission is also spending more time on community engagement. They spent a year going out and getting feedback on shoreland zoning changes. When they were introduced there was no controversy. Also used the same method for stormwater updates. Chlorides (salt) is also an issue. Madison Metro is at the peak for their permit on chloride levels. The Commission was able to get

funding for an LTE for community engagement. One is working with private contractors (that spread salt in the winter). Water softener salt is another area. The salt at certain levels changes the entire micro climate. The Commission also deals with public safety on the waters. There has also been a change in leadership. Rebecca Powers is now the chair. She has worked for the UW Ex as a water quality specialist. She is a representative of the city of Madison.

Lyle was asked about lake levels. He noted that CRANES gave a presentation about lowering lake levels by several feet. Many factors go into setting lake levels. Do you hear about the manure digesters? Most of the leaks were design issues and have been addressed. Lyle also noted the Harvestable Buffer Program and work to reduce winter spreading and increase capacity at CAFOs. Also last year the Commission reassigned some resources to increase enforcement staff. Lyle thinks we will see more enforcement in the future. Lyle noted that he also represents the DCTA on the Clean Lakes Alliance board.

Other

Towns out of County Zoning – Jerry will see Rick Stadleman on Friday and it is an item they will discuss. Jolene will get a draft of a new bill going.

Membership meeting in August 20, 2014 – Renee was directed to change the August meeting to the 13th and to make it a regular Executive Board meeting. The Membership Meeting will be moved to September 17th.

Mark sent the draft 2015 budget out.

9:20 Adjourn