

Minutes, Dane County Towns Association Board of Directors for March 13, 2013.

The meeting was called order by Pres. Jerry Derr at 7 PM. All members were present except Steven Schultz.

The Board reviewed the minutes of three previous meetings.

The minutes of January 16, 2013 were read and reviewed. It was moved by Pulvermacher, seconded by Olson to approve; motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of January 23, 2013 were read and reviewed. On motion of Olson, seconded by Roehl, were approved.

The minutes of February 27th 2013 were read and reviewed. On motion of Roehl, seconded by Derr, the minutes were approved.

The Board discussed expressing its appreciation to retired Dane County Sanitarian Jim Clark for his memorandum in support of the Towns' Association's position on the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission's (CARPC) proposed appendix I, which related to on-site wastewater treatment systems. It was moved by Jim Pulvermacher, seconded by Lee, to send Jim Clark an honorarium of \$100 with a letter of appreciation.

The Board next discussed the status of wind turbines and private transmission lines in Dane County. Concerns had been expressed in light of recent developments in the Town of Springfield.

Moved by Pulvermacher, seconded by Downing to support 2013 Senate Bill 71, and communicate support of that bill to the Wisconsin Towns Association, local legislators, and the Public service commission. Motion carried.

There was further discussion about the matter of local regulation of wind turbines. There is significant concern that the Wisconsin statute which strictly constrains the scope of local ordinances is intimidating many towns into avoiding the issue entirely. The Board requested that legal counsel work with town of Berry Chair, Tony Varda to attempt to formulate a model ordinance.

The Board next discussed the continuing issue of the CARPC. Board members expressed concern that there seemed to be a need for more pressure from Dane County in support of either reforming the commission or dissolving it. After discussion, moved by Downing seconded by Pulvermacher that the Dane County Towns Association Board of Directors will endorse the County Executive's proposal to dissolve the commission if the County Executive formulates an alternative method of water quality planning which will elicit support from cities and villages. The Dane County Towns Association remains willing to work toward an alternative. Motion carried.

There was discussion about possible revisions to the bylaws or realignment of the Dane County Towns Association districts. Downing moved, seconded by Olson, to offer alternative plans for reorganizing the districts to more equally distribute population of the towns. The motion failed 3 to 3. After further discussion, Downing moved seconded by Olson, to present possible alternatives for reapportionment of the Dane County Towns Association Board districts to the town chairs in April to see if there is interest in the topic. The motion passed 5- 1.

It was moved by Roehl, seconded by Pulvermacher, to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Motion carried.

Mark Hazelbaker, acting as recording secretary