

**Minutes**  
**DCTA Executive Board**  
**March 21, 2012**  
**Bristol Town Hall**  
**7747 County Road N, Sun Prairie, WI**

**Present:** President Derr, Ted Olson, Tim Roehl, Jim Pulvermacher, Bob Lee.

**Absent:** Pat Downing, Steve Schulz.

**Also Present:** Renée Lauber, Policy Advisor; Mark Hazelbaker, Legal Counsel.

Meeting called to order by President Derr at 7:06 pm.

**Consider Minutes**

Motion: Pulvermacher/Olson. Approve January 18, 2012 minutes with correction that Bob Lee was absent. Carried unanimously.

Motion: Pulvermacher/Olson. Approve February 15, 2012 minutes as written. Carried unanimously.

**Consider January and February Financial Statements**

Statements were prepared in a memo and monthly balance sheet format. The Executive Board would like to continue to receive both formats in the future. The Executive Board asked for statements, with reserve account information separated, to be posted on the DCTA website.

Motion: Roehl/ Olson. Approve financial statements. Carried unanimously.

**Update on Farmland Preservation Plan**

The subcommittee approved the draft plan which means it will proceed to the Educational Meeting on April 18, 2012, 7:00 PM in Cottage Grove. The subcommittee requested (from the ZLR) one more chance to review the document to respond to comments from the Educational Meeting. After that the plan will go to the ZLR for its official public hearing and then on to the County Board.

The unresolved issues for the DCTA are notification of County plans to purchase Conservation Easements and town approval of such purchases. The language currently in the draft plan requests town notification unless the land is mapped in the County Parks and Open Space Plan or in the Dane County Comprehensive Plan. The Dane County Comprehensive Plan includes, by reference, numerous other plans. It is also a challenge to decide when a town would be notified of a prospective deal. Issues of 1) landowner confidentially and 2) can a town be notified before the County Board, complicate things.

Regarding town approval of County funded Conservation Easements, this concept was not approved by the subcommittee. They did approve language stating towns could request final approval of Conservation Easements in their Comprehensive Plans. However, it is unlikely such a request would pass the County Board. Jim Pulvermacher was adamant that towns need development right control. Springfield is working on Boundary Agreements with surrounding Villages. They have questioned signing agreements with Springfield because if the County buys development rights in

areas they plan to develop, their long range plans will need to be reevaluated. This will be a major issue for final Farmland Preservation Plan approval. Having a specific map of areas allowed for County Conservation Easement purchases (that could not be changed or amended without Town consent) may be an alternative way to get Town support for the plan. Questions then focused on: Can we opt out of the plan? Do we have to sign on? If we block required changes to the zoning code will that stop the final approval of the plan?

The DCTA Exec Board also asked how Dane County was going to notify farmers about the Educational Meeting. Jerry will call the Farm Bureau and Farmers Union.

### **Consider CARPC Budget and Personnel Panel 3/28/12 meeting agenda**

Renee has a meeting with representatives from Soglin and Parisi's office. She needs clear direction on the agenda.

Motion: Pulvermacher/Olson. Oppose any CARPC move from the current location for the 2012 budget year. Carried unanimously.

Motion: Roehl/Pulvermacher. DCTA directs Jerry Derr, as Chair of the CARPC Budget and Personnel Panel (BPP), to hire or appoint an Executive Director for CARPC by August 1, 2012. The Executive Director will report directly to the BPP. Carried unanimously.

### **Per Diem Clarification**

DCTA Executive Board members will send quarterly requests to Kimberly Carter at Mark's law office. Kimberly will then prepare a report for Jerry Derr's approval.

### **CARPC Applications**

Ed Minihan, Bob Wipperfurth, and Joe Ball applied for the seat. The Exec Board decided to interview all applicants on April 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm at the Town of Madison.

### **Deteriorated Vacant Property Ordinance**

Jim Pulvermacher asked for clarification on the need for the ordinance. Mark stated that it was intended for more urban towns. He will write a memo for towns on the topic.

### **New Legislation**

Mark will write a memo on the development moratorium and annexation standing laws recently signed by Governor Walker.

### **Chapter 10 Task Force**

Mineral Extraction Application At the last meeting the Task Force approved language for submittal requirements for mineral extraction applications. The Ordinance Amendment (OA) used language from the Mineral Extraction Task Force and a Shawano County Ordinance. Overall it was designed to formalize what the county has been doing administratively.

Towers The Task Force is still working on administrative/procedural provisions and will be reviewing feedback from towns and industry at its next meeting.

Exclusive Ag Zoning Categories As part of the DATCP Working Lands Initiative, Dane County is required to update its exclusive ag zoning districts. These include A1-Ex, A-4, and A-B. The Task Force is looking at making all of them “performance based.” A-B has been reviewed by the towns and will likely be approved for introduction at the next meeting.

Wind Tower Siting The State wind siting administrative rules became effective on March 16, 2012. The Task Force will review the rules and determine if there is a role for the county. A five page document titled “Wind Siting -Frequently Asked Questions” was distributed.

Audit Committee Mark will move this process forward.

Chickens Renee stated that she has been contacted regarding next steps for this OA. While many members of the DCTA are opposed to the OA it is her opinion that this topic is not a fad and will not just go away. Mark will draft language for allowing chickens pursuant to terms of town licensing ordinance.

Weight Limits DBA response Mark will type something up.

Rock River Coalition Phosphorus issue and MMSD Pilot Program Dave Taylor, Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District, made a presentation to the town of Middleton regarding a Phosphorus pilot program. Tim Roehl would like the information shared with towns.

Motion: Roehl/Pulvermacher. Adjourn at 9:55 pm. Carried unanimously.