



Community joins GWC and DOT Secretary

WHITEWATER – Feb. 15, 2019 – The Greater Whitewater Committee, Inc. (GWC) had an excellent community turnout for its annual meeting.

The evening started with a member meeting, followed by a social hour with hors d'oeuvres and Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Craig Thompson joined the group as keynote speaker. Thompson's presentation consisted of his plans as DOT Secretary, as well as addressing the future of US Highway 12 between Elkhorn and Whitewater.

"I would rather not be the secretary that efficiently managed the decline of our transportation system," Thompson said. "I would much rather be the secretary that efficiently managed our investment in our transportation system to bring it up to the level we need for our tourism industry, our agricultural industry, our manufacturing industry."

Thompson is working diligently to meet with major stakeholders in the state and discuss the need to grow and correct Wisconsin's transportation. The stakeholders were asked by Governor Evers to help put a budget for transportation together.

Governor Tony Evers appointed Thompson in January 2019 to serve as DOT Secretary and oversee one of the largest state agencies. Thompson has more than 25 years of experience in Wisconsin businesses, communities, legislators and units of government.

He also served as the executive director for the Transportation Development Association (TDA) of Wisconsin.

"I worked with Craig at both the TDA and Accounting Association and can only say Craig Thompson is an outstanding choice for the secretary of the transportation department," GWC President/CEO Jeffery Knight said.

The GWC is an action-oriented group committed to working with citizens, elected officials and policy makers to identify, craft and implement a pro-business agenda. The agenda advances the economic, education and social policies required to energize and secure the Whitewater area's economic future, as well as protect Whitewater's quality of life.



By working closely with the City of Whitewater, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater Unified School District and the local community, Whitewater can increase its visibility and become a beacon for business and leisure in the state of Wisconsin.

If there are any questions, please contact GWC President/CEO Jeffery Knight at jpk@knightpublicaffairs.com. For more information on the GWC visit: <http://greaterwhitewatercommittee.com>

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