



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final

### Food Council Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty Work Group

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Friday, July 15, 2022

12:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by phone.

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 2 - NAN FEY, and NICHOLAS LEETE

**Excused** 1 - Chair SHEENA TESCH

*All Others Present: Jess Guffey Calkins, Noah Bloedorn, Anna Landmark, Phil Kauth, Laura Scandurra, Susan Hessel*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#) DCFC RAFS MINUTES 06.24.2022.pdf  
[MIN-148](#)

**Attachments:** [2022 MIN-148](#)

A motion was made by FEY, seconded by LEETE, that the Minutes be approved.  
The motion carried by a voice vote 2-0.

#### C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

## D. Reports to Committee

### *Business reports*

#### *Local market development*

*REAP Wholesale Readiness website info was shared by Anna Landmark and Noah Bloedorn (REAP Food Group). Primary audience for the site: institutions. Future audiences to expand to: restaurants, wholesale buyers. Goals: support farms coming into the system, help with building relationships, make expectations clear, fair negotiations. [www.wholesaleready.org](http://www.wholesaleready.org). Includes Marketplace, Resources for Farmers, Institutions; Models for Success. Spanish translation available. Website is live; will host/post webinar(s) on how to use the website. Intentions for geography of farms who could use this: local, state of WI, or nearby growers with foods that aren't grown as locally (rice grower in IL).*

*Working with Jessica Jane Spayde at Extension. Will need some support to help growers scale up. Will be building a broader team in the next year. Any questions - contact Anna at [annal@reapfoodgroup.org](mailto:annal@reapfoodgroup.org).*

#### *Land for cultivation*

*Groundswell team is working on planning re: the Raemisch property.*

#### *City ag leases*

*No new update*

#### *Farmland Preservation*

*-Farmland Preservation Public survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPPPublic> (Site: <https://plandev.countyofdane.com/Planning/Farmland-Preservation-Plan/Farmland-Preservation-Recertification>)*

#### *Project work team breakouts*

*None*

## E. Announcements

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*Aug 19*

#### *Future items:*

*-American Farmland Trust. Marcia signed up for a consultation & access to resources.  
-City of Madison Planning Dept. - Brainstorm RAFS' role - helping finding conducive city sites (parcels don't have to currently be ag-zoned), land access needs, other orgs who work on this (Groundswell, Rooted, MOSES, WI Farmers Union)*

*Susan: Land for cultivation item - organizing to grow more food on people's private land. Mutual Aid groups are doing some of this work. Something like the EPA pilot grant for the Arboretum & Friends of Lake Wingra to put in rain gardens on people's properties in the Lake Wingra watershed?*

*From Laura: USDA Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production (UAIP): <https://www.usda.gov/topics/urban/grants>*

**G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

**H. Adjourn**

A motion was made by LEETE, seconded by FEY, that the meeting be adjourned.  
The motion carried unanimously 2-0.

*Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins; Pending council review.*