



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### 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?*

---

Friday, September 16, 2022

12:00 PM

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

---

#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 3 - Chair SHEENA TESCH, NAN FEY, and NICHOLAS LEETE

*Others present: Phil Kauth, Dan Cornelius, Alder Regina Vidaver, Marcia Caton Campbell*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#)  
[MIN-275](#)

7.15.2022 MINUTES FOOD COUNCIL RAF

**Attachments:** [2022 MIN-275](#)

A motion was made by FEY, seconded by TESCH, that the Minutes be approved.  
The motion carried by a voice vote 3-0.

## C. Discussion Items

*Local market development Alder Vidaver sought input on Public Market Financing to fill \$3m withdrawn by federal Economic Development Agency*  
*Request information from EDA staff*  
*Contact federal representatives*  
*Construction costs have risen everywhere*  
*Local governments can't be expected to respond in 7 days*  
*Local politics about location*

### *Produce Safety*

*- Safe Wisconsin Produce (SWP):*

*[https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\\_Services/SafeWisconsinProduce.aspx](https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SafeWisconsinProduce.aspx)*

*REAP working on this - Anna Landmark is knowledgeable, boot camp coming up.*

*Buyers may need to adopt before growers will participate. Dan - GAP Certification won't go away, but involved in establishing the SWP program to simplify.*

### *Land for cultivation*

*- Raemisch Farm property update - recent proposal approved for Green Street development.*

*Connect local grower needs with available land -- Rooted, Groundswell, Marbleseed, Land*

*Stewardship Project etc.*

*Private sale/lease opportunities are hard to track*

*Large USDA Grants becoming available:*

*Regional Food Business Centers (regional) FPCs could apply; Sarah Lloyd et al working on large proposal involving WI, MN, IA (Dan on calls)*

*\*Land Capital Access Program due 10/28 (webinar 9/7) should be the priority.*

*<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/increasing-land-access/index>*

*Action Item: Approach County for mapping of available space*

*Action Item: RAFS support for tribal submissions*

*Action Item: Follow up on LCAP submittal*

### *Farmland Preservation Task Force approved 9/6/22*

*Only objection was from Smart Growth representative, impact on housing*

*Action Item: members for meeting times that work for everyone*

## D. Presentations

## E. Reports to Committee

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*October 21, 2022*

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

## H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

## I. Adjourn

A motion was made by LEETE, seconded by FEY, that the meeting be adjourned.  
The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

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