



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Park Commission

*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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Wednesday, November 23, 2022

5:30 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

*Chair Ripp called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:30 PM.*

*Youth Governance Member excused: Emily Cai.*

*Staff present: Joleen Stinson, Sharene Smith.*

*Groundswell Conservancy staff present: Mike Foy, Tony Abate.*

**Present:** 7 - ANALIESE EICHER, DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN, GRACE MORAN, KRISTIE  
GOFORTH, STEFANIE BROUWER and NANCY BOGUE

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#) Minutes of the November 9, 2022 Park Commission  
[MIN-433](#)

**Attachments:** [2022 MIN-433 PC Minutes 11-9-22](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Minutes be  
approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

#### C. Fund Transfers - None

#### D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2022](#) ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR PHEASANT BRANCH CONSERVANCY  
[RES-240](#) RESTORATION

**Sponsors:** RIPP, CHAWLA, JOERS, HATCHER, ENGELBERGER and RITT

**Attachments:** [2022 RES-240](#)  
[2022 RES-240 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by THORESEN, that the Resolution  
Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a  
voice vote 7-0.

[2022  
RES-241](#)

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED FUNDS FROM THE FRIENDS OF PHEASANT BRANCH CONSERVANCY

**Sponsors:** RIPP, CHAWLA, JOERS, HATCHER, ENGELBERGER and RITT

**Attachments:** [2022 RES-241](#)  
[2022 RES-241 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

[2022  
RES-242](#)

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED FUNDS FROM THE DANE COUNTY CHAPTER OF PHEASANTS FOREVER

**Sponsors:** RIPP, CHAWLA, DOOLAN, ENGELBERGER and RITT

**Attachments:** [2022 RES-242](#)  
[2022 RES-242 Fiscal Note](#)  
[2022 RES-242 CONTRACT #14892](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by THORESEN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

[2022  
RES-256](#)

APPROVAL OF 2023 CROP LEASES ON COUNTY LAND

**Sponsors:** RIPP, CHAWLA, DOOLAN and ENGELBERGER

**Attachments:** [2022 RES-256](#)  
[2022 RES-256 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

**E. Items Requiring Committee Action**

1. Amended and Restated "Franklin" Easement, Groundswell and Town of Dunn

*Groundswell Conservancy, the Town of Dunn and Dane County partnered on the original conservation easement in 2002. The easement was amended in 2015. Tony Abate of Groundswell Conservancy gave an overview of proposed easement changes: removing ties to zoning districts, accurately reflecting on the ground improvements and further restricting impervious surfaces. The property is owned by Vitruvian Farms, an organic vegetable farm supplying residents and restaurants with locally grown food. Groundswell Conservancy monitors the easement.*

[2022  
ACT-215](#)

Franklin Amended and Restated Conservation Easement with Exhibits

**Attachments:** [Franklin Amended and Restated Conservation Easement with Exhibits](#)

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by BROUWER, that the easement amendment be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

**F. Presentations**

- 1. Proposed DCCF grant: LENA LLC parcel, Town of Westport, North Mendota NRA

*Groundswell Conservancy is partnering with the Town of Westport on the acquisition of 108 acres on County Hwy M in the Town of Westport. The Town of Westport is requesting a Dane County Conservation Fund Grant for one million dollars. Mike Foy of Groundswell Conservancy gave an overview of the property, the partnership and acquisition.*

[2022  
RPT-549](#)

Groundswell Conservancy presentation on Town of Westport's Lena LLC Conservation Fund Grant Application

**Attachments:** [Groundswell Conservancy presentation on Lena LLC Conservation Fund Grant Application](#)

**G. Reports to Committee - None**

**H. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

December 14 - Heritage Center Lower Level Hybrid  
December 28 - only held if pressing business

**I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - None**

**J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None**

**K. Closed Session**

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 7 - Supervisor EICHER, Chair RIPP, First Vice Chair THORESEN, MORAN, GOFORTH, BROUWER and BOGUE

CLOSED SESSION: The Park Commission entered into closed session per Wis. Stat.19.85(1)(e): The Commission may go into closed session for the purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

**L. Return to Open Session**

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BOGUE, that the Meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 7 - Supervisor EICHER, Chair RIPP, First Vice Chair THORESEN, MORAN, GOFORTH, BROUWER and BOGUE

**M. Adjourn**

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote.

*Meeting adjourned 6:50 PM.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Joleen Stinson, pending Park Commission approval.*