



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Tree Board

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

3:45 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 5 - MARLA EDDY, ADAM HELMINIAK, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, JAY WEISS, and
LAURA WYATT

Absent 3 - ED BARTELL, ERNIE PEARSON, and KEVIN SHORT

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) 11.16.2021 MINUTES

[MIN-502](#)

Attachments: [2021 MIN-502](#)

A motion was made by WEISS, seconded by WYATT, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

C. Action Items

1. *Update: Tree Board vacancy recommendations to Dane County Executive –Ritt will check with Exec's office as there has been no word. Post-meeting note: The Exec's office has contacted the candidates as of 1-19-22 to tell them that appointment will occur over the next six weeks.*

2. *Discuss work groups and how meetings should be held under current rules*

Discussion: The new work group structure is based on a newer interpretation of open meeting law. The resolution language to create the Tree Board work groups needs approval by the full County Board. Rules include that there must not be a quorum of full committee membership number in any of the work groups, the Chair appoints members to each work group. Unsure if non-Tree Board members with an outside or 'citizen' status are allowed. All work group meetings need to be posted, have an agenda, generate minutes and be staffed (whether that is formal staff, such as Johnson, Extension support staff or a Tree Board member acting in that capacity is not yet known). One member will be chair of each work group, work with Johnson to get agenda, minutes, posting, etc. Extension is creating a template for work group meetings. Work Groups to decide when they meet re a regular schedule. Have to use Extension's County Zoom account for office so can't have two meetings at same time. All Tree Board members will need to be on at least one work group. Resolution will include the following descriptions of the work groups:

a. Tree Board Outreach work group to consist of up to 4 members to address educational outreach to the public including but not limited to the creation and maintenance of the Tree Board website, a social media presence, PSAs, and presentations to the public regarding tree issues.

b. Tree Board Events work group to consist of up to 3 members to address Tree Board events including but not limited to the annual Arbor Day event and public recognition awards.

c. Tree Board Policy work group to consist of up to 4 members to address policy work focused on forestry and other tree issues.

Re Outreach Work Group: Johnson and Ritt will follow up with Dane County IT to see if people other than staff members can have access with the new website. Post meeting note: Dane County IT responded that the Chair can allow non-staff members to have training and access.

3. *Approve PSA spending for winter radio ads HELMINIAK MOTIONS to spend rest of 2021 budget on PSAs regarding deicing salts WYATT seconds. MOTION PASSES with voice vote.*

A motion was made by HELMINIAK, seconded by WYATT, that the rest of 2021 budget be spent on PSAs regarding deicing salts be approved. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

4. *Decide on alternate meeting dates for October, November and December 2022:
Decision Oct 25, Nov 22, no Dec meeting*

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

1. *Dane County Tree Canopy Working Group: Johnson and EDDY summarized the purpose and status of the group. Currently, the group is creating a mission statement and deciding on action steps to get more canopy cover in Dane County using equity, low cover and runoff mitigation as rating factors to determine areas of highest need. The Tree Board may have a role. Johnson will keep the board apprised.*

2. *Alliant Energy Tree Planting project Alliant Energy initiative to plant 1 million trees over the next 10 years in Iowa and Wisconsin. There may be an opportunity for the Tree Board to partner, possibly through the Tree Canopy working group.
<https://www.alliantenergy.com/communitysupportandsafety/communityprograms/1milliontrees>*

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Upcoming meeting dates: December 21, 2021, January 18 2022, February 15 2022, March 15 2022, April 19 2022, May 17 2022, Jun 21 2022, July 19 2022, August 16 2022, Sept 20 2022, Oct 25 2022, Nov 22 2022, no December meeting

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by WYATT, seconded by EDDY, that the MEETING be Adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Lisa Johnson