



# 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?*

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Friday, May 20, 2022

12:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for  
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phone.

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#### A. Call To Order

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

*All Others Present: Nick Heckman, Philip Kauth, Laura Scandurra, Marcia Caton  
Campbell, Alder Regina Vidaver*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#) 2022 MIN-055  
[MIN-055](#)

**Attachments:** [2022 MIN-055](#)

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

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

## D. Reports to Committee

### *Business Reports*

- *Local market development. REAP Food Group has worked with the Food Finance Institute on a study for a Dane County minimal processing and distribution center – report forthcoming. REAP got a USDA grant to create a virtual wholesale website for farmers to sell their produce; it will be up in June. MOSES will be applying for a grant from USDA for assisting farmers with land access and market access; Rooted staff time may be built into this project.*

- *Land for cultivation. Based on Rooted work with community gardens and people who have reached out to our larger land access list, there has been a decline in demand, at least as presented to Rooted, and with the infrastructure that currently exists.*

*City ag leases – no report*

*Farmland Preservation Task Force. City of Madison farmland maps were obtained. Members are reaching out to American Farmland Trust for additional map info. Project work team breakouts – No report*

## E. Announcements

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*Fri, June 17 (date may change)*

## 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 3-0.**

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