



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

*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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Thursday, June 13, 2019

5:00 PM

Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center  
5201 Fen Oak Drive - Mendota Room  
Madison WI 53718

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present:** 3 - PATRICK DOWNING, MICHELE RITT and YOGESH CHAWLA

**Excused:** 2 - NIKOLE JONES and JEREMY LEVIN

*Youth Governance Member Present: Lamees Elhassan*

*Youth Governance Member Excused: Josh Jerisha*

*Staff Present: Jeremy Balousek, Laura Hicklin, Darren Marsh, Sharene Smith*

*Others Present: Tom Mathies (Supervisor Town of Verona), L. Caroline Aumann, Bartlett Durand, Dick Hinrichs, Lori Lukens, Deborah Muresan, Lee Murphy, Kristy Rupprecht, Tom Vandervest*

*Meeting called to order by Chair RITT at 5:03 pm.*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#)  
[MIN-061](#) EANR MINUTES-5-23-19

**Attachments:** [2019 MIN-061 EANR Minutes 5-23-19.pdf](#)

[2019 MIN-061 Registration before Co Committee 5-23-19.pdf](#)

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by CHAWLA, that the minutes of May 23, 2019 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 3/0, YGP: 1/0

#### C. Fund Transfers - None

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

1. [2019  
RES-059](#) ACCEPTANCE OF A 2019 CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS GRANT  
FROM THE WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

**Sponsors:** RITT, CHAWLA, DOWNING and LEVIN

**Attachments:** [2019 RES-059](#)  
[2019 RES-059 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by CHAWLA, seconded by DOWNING, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 3/0, YGP: 1/0

2. [2019  
RES-080](#) DEDICATION OF THE WILLIAM G. LUNNEY LAKE FARM COUNTY  
PARK

**Sponsors:** EICHER, BAYRD, BOLLIG, BUCKINGHAM, CHAWLA, CHENOWETH, CLAUSIUS, DANNER, DOWNING, ERICKSON, KIEFER, KILMER, KNOLL, KRAUSE, KUHN, LEVIN, McCARVILLE, MILES, NELSON, PETERS, RATCLIFF, RIPP, RUSK, SALOV, SCHAUER, SCHWELLENBACH, STUBBS, VELDRAN, WEGLEITNER and YOUNG

**Attachments:** [2019 RES-080](#)  
[2019 RES-080 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by RITT, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 3/0, YGP: 1/0.

**E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None**

**F. Presentations - None**

**G. Reports to Committee**

## Status of Black Earth Creek Headwaters - Laura Hicklin, LWRD Director and Jeremy Balousek, Water Resource Engineering Division of LWRD

*Hicklin and Balousek gave an overview of the county parkland known as Black Earth Creek Headwaters Natural Resource Area. The property is in the Town of Middleton and was purchased in the early 1990s for the purpose of wetland restoration.*

- i. Bartlett Durand spoke in support of wetland restoration, suggested a hydrological study to help determine management options, and offered that the site may be a good wetland mitigation bank.*
- ii. Deborah Muresan, president of the Hidden Oaks Homeowners Association, noted that her sump pump runs all of the time since the August 2018 flood, is concerned about any management changes, and wants pumping restored.*
- iii. Lee Murphy noted that she has a flooded basement, lives behind a retention pond, and wants to know about mitigation opportunities that will protect homes from flooding.*
- iv. Dick Hinrichs noted that he can't plant his fields, is losing the septic systems on his warehouses, does not think the situation can stay the way it is, and wants pumping restored.*
- v. Lori Lukens shared her MG&E bill to show how the electrical costs from the sump pump went up after the August 2018 flood and suggested that property owners can come together to pay for pumping.*
- vi. Tom Vandervest noted that the stormwater pond by his house drains but his sump pump continues to run.*
- vii. L. Caroline Aumann noted that her basement flooded, wants the pump evaluated and fixed, wants ditches cleared and a study done on what to do.*
- viii. Kristy Rupprecht noted that her basement flooded and that she now has radon and wants to increase public awareness of the health dangers of radon.*

[2019  
COM-002](#)

HINRICHS LETTER TO EANR

**Attachments:** [2019 COM-002 Letter to EANR from Richard Hinrichs.pdf](#)

### H. Announcements

*none*

### I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*The next meeting will be June 27th. DOWNING inquired about a possible committee tour over the summer.*

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

*Tom Mathies spoke in support of developing a plan to address high water around Goose Lake in the Town of Verona.*

### K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

*none*

## L. Adjourn

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by CHAWLA, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 3/0, YGP: 1/0

*Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Hicklin. Minutes are subject to committee approval.*