



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

UW Extension Committee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

8:15 AM

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: 6 - MELISSA RATCLIFF, DAVE RIPP, SHELIA STUBBS, PATRICK DOWNING, ALEX JOERS and KATE MCGINNITY

Call To Order at 8:16 am by Chair STUBBS.

Others present: Carrie Edgar, Javiera Gonzalez, Sharon Lezberg, and Chelsea Zegler.

B. Public comment on items not on agenda

None.

C. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#)
[MIN-150](#) MINUTES06.08.2021

Attachments: [2021 MIN-150](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by MCGINNITY, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

D. Presentations

- *Organizational Capacity Building & Entrepreneur Training – Sharon Lezberg, Community Development Educator, presented on her work with the non-profit sector and the research and report recently completed in partnership with the Madison Community Foundation. She also introduced the new Extension Nonprofit Peer Learning Program that will be piloted in Dane County this fall.*
- *Economic Impact of Agriculture in Dane County – Chelsea Zegler, Crops & Soils Educator, reviewed the Ag economy in Dane County based on the 2017 Ag census and shared the number of jobs, economic impact, and community/public benefits of agriculture in the county and Wisconsin. Farmers manage 66% of Dane County land. Discussion held on the impacts of the COVID pandemic impact*

[2021
PRES-104](#) LEZBERG_NP_CAPACITY BUILDING_07-13-2021

Attachments: [2021 PRES-104](#)

[2021
PRES-103](#) AGRICULTURE IN DANE COUNTY - ZEGLER JULY 2021

Attachments: [2021 PRES-103](#)

E. Discussion Items

- *Agriculture staffing plan – Edgar shared that Extension is moving toward an approach to staffing that incorporates a mix of specialized outreach positions in focused specialties (e.g., cranberries, commercial vegetable production, soil health) along with area educators in core program areas (e.g., dairy, crops). For Dane County, this will mean our Dairy and Crops educators will become regional covering 3-6 counties. And will have access to specialized educators in soil health and farm management.*

F. Reports to Committee

- *Director report – Carrie Edgar shared an update on the office entry remodel. The schedule has been revised twice and is currently slated to start on July 18th. Interviews will soon be completed for the Natural Resources and the Community Youth Development positions. The search has been extended for the bilingual Hmong nutrition educator position. And Udai Olivares, bilingual Spanish nutrition educator, has accepted another position within Extension at the State level. We will be recruiting for that position as soon as possible. Starting recruitment for the regional Dairy educator soon to cover Dane, Rock and Jefferson counties.*

G. Announcements

None.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- *August 3, 2021 at 8:15 am - Moved to first Tuesday due to election. May cancel if no urgent agenda items.*

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

J. Adjourn

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by RATCLIFF, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carrie Edgar pending committee approval.