



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Thursday, June 22, 2017

6:00 PM

Waunakee Village Center
333 S Madison Street
Waunakee WI 53597

Waunakee Village Center, 333 S Madison St, Waunakee

A. Call To Order

Present: 4 - Chair PATRICK DOWNING, TIM KIEFER, MICHELE RITT and BOB SALOV

Absent: 1 - NIKOLE JONES

Supervisor JONES was not present at the beginning of the meeting but was present as noted below.

Youth Governance Members: Kiara Gray absent, Phoenix Borowski excused

Staff Present: Kevin Connors, Chris James, Laura Hicklin

Others Present: Kristin Martens, Reggie Lund, Kierstin Kloeckner, Greg Ferguson, Karen Smith, Erik Pearce, Bill Fulton, Roberta Bauman (Waunakee Tribune), Dan Rigney, Brian Watzke, Gina Interrante, Ann Moyer, David Moyer, Tom Wilson (Town of Westport), Dean Gosskopf (Town of Westport), Terry Messmer, Jan Lottig, Drew Howick, Reg Bruskevitz, Lyman Wible, Dave Smith, Marjorie Sprecher, James Blodgett, Kurt Jacobsen, Ken Lombrecht, James Wilson

Meeting called to order by Chair DOWNING at 6:02 pm

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) 6-8-17_EANR MINUTES
[MIN-121](#)

Attachments: [2017 MIN-121 6-8-17 EANR Minutes](#)

A motion was made by RITT, seconded by SALOV, that the minutes of June 8, 2017 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - DOWNING, KIEFER, Vice Chair RITT and SALOV

Absent: 1 - Secretary JONES

C. Fund Transfers

[2017](#)
[FTR-09](#) WRE LTE FUNDS

Attachments: [2017 FTR-09_WRE LTE funds](#)

A motion was made by KIEFER, seconded by SALOV, that this Fund Transfer be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - DOWNING, KIEFER, Vice Chair RITT and SALOV

Absent: 1 - Secretary JONES

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2017](#)
[RES-109](#) AUTHORIZING A QUIT CLAIM DEED IN THE TOWN OF MONTROSE

Sponsors: DOWNING and RIPP

Attachments: [2017 RES-109](#)
[2017 RES-109 Fiscal Note](#)
[2017 RES-109 Map MonickenFalkWells](#)
[2017 RES-109 Map MonickenPropertyCloseup](#)

A motion was made by KIEFER, seconded by RITT, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - DOWNING, KIEFER, Vice Chair RITT and SALOV

Absent: 1 - Secretary JONES

JONES arrived at 6:08 pm

Present: 5 - Chair PATRICK DOWNING, TIM KIEFER, NIKOLE JONES, MICHELE RITT and BOB SALOV

[2017](#)
[RES-117](#) ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS AND GRANT AUTHORIZATION TO YAHARA PRIDE FARMS

Sponsors: CHENOWETH

Attachments: [2017 RES-117](#)
[2017 RES-117 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by KIEFER, seconded by RITT, that this Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

Ayes: 5 - DOWNING, KIEFER, Secretary JONES, Vice Chair RITT and SALOV

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations

Overview of Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails Identified in the Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan - Chris James, Dane County Parks Senior Landscape Architect

James presented an overview of Bicycle/Pedestrian Trails identified on the Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan. Tom Wilson presented Town of Westport bicycle transportation initiatives. Both Tom & Chris responded to questions from the audience.

Chair DOWNING requested comments from the audience:

Tom Wilson, Administrator, Town of Westport

- Consider a 10-ft wide paved shoulder along high speed roads for commuter biking*
- Support off-road recreation trail along the Highway M corridor*
- Ensure off road connection in the Willow Rd and Bluebill Pkwy area*

Kurt Jacobson registered in support

Greg Ferguson, Middleton

- Encourage an off-road recreation path around Lake Mendota*

James Wilson, Madison

- Supports an off-road path along County M*
- Encourage a connector rout to the Merrimac Ferry*
- Complete the Hwy 12 path from Middleton to Sauk City*
- Continue efforts of the Good Neighbor trail*

Drew Howick, Westport

- Support an off-road connection from St Hwy 113 to Mendota County Park*

Kiersten Kloeckner, Dane

- Safety of newer riders and families along the North corridor is a major issue*

Erik Pearce, Waunakee

- Applauds Dane County's leadership in providing bicycle transportation and recreation efforts, however, the N Mendota Hwy M is not safe for cyclists regardless of experience*

James Blodgett, Madison, Middleton, Dane County

- Concerned about safety of the bike lane along highway, encourage an off-road trail throughout the corridor*

**2017
COM-004**

2017 COM-004_COUNTY M BICYCLE ACCESS EMAILS_6-22-17

Attachments: 2017 COM-004_County M Bicycle Access Emails_6-22-17

Emails addressed to EANR committee that concern bicycle access along County Highway M were presented to be included in the record of comments.

Chair DOWNING requested that staff forward these comments and letters to the committee charged with revising the Parks & Open Space Plan.

G. Reports to Committee - None

H. Announcements

None

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*Next meeting is Tuesday, July 18th, 6 pm at Fen Oak
The regularly scheduled August 24th meeting may be rescheduled for August 22nd*

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by RITT, seconded by SALOV, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

Ayes: 5 - DOWNING, KIEFER, Secretary JONES, Vice Chair RITT and SALOV

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Connors. Minutes are subject to committee approval.