



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 20, 2026

3:45 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Lyman Anderson building 5201 Fen Oak Dr; Meeting Room Driftless (121); attend virtually via Zoom

A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:50pm

Present 6 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, MATT NOONE, CORY RICH, TIERNEY BOCSI, KATE KENDZIORA, and Supervisor BRIANA FRANK

Excused 3 - LAURA WYATT, CATHY BRODBECK, and TEDWARD ERKER

Others present: Lisa Johnson, Brian Wahl

B. Consideration of Minutes

2025 MIN-506 MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2025, TREE BOARD MEETING

Attachments: [2025 MIN-506](#)

A MOTION to accept minutes was made by RICH, seconded by FRANK. MOTION passed.

C. Tree Board Operating Agreement

No change

D. Project and General Updates

1 - Events Group Update: Group met and created a monthly task grid. Johnson will check on Garden Expo table possibility for 2026. Will add reserving a table and attending the Expo to the grid for 2027.

2 - Tree Crib Group Update: Group met and discussed procedures for the cribs and making a how-to document. A WAA Demonstration Trial Funding Program grant was applied for and awarded to CARPC for the Tree Board's tree crib program. NOONE will meet with the LEAF team to discuss creating curriculum for tree nurseries.

3 - Tree Preservation Policy Group Update: Has not met yet. Gathering materials for review and revising some documents prior to meeting. Looking at different-sized municipalities as part of the document. Suggestion to include some people for review from outside of the Tree Board by invitation for certain meetings.

E. Discussion Items

1 - Work Group Future Meetings: Each group will set their own dates

2 - 2026 Work Plan Update: Reviewed items

3 - Tree Board Applicants: WYATT and BRODBECK have resigned from the Board. NOONE suggested forming a sub-group to review the three applicants, taking recommendations from members and making a recommendation to the County Exec. Discussion about vacancies, timeline, and procedure.

4 - DCTB Division of Labor in Leadership: Approved writing a letter of support for the iTree program to Chief of USDA Forest Service. FRANK will draft the letter.

F. Action Items

1 - Board Recommendations for Tree Board Applicants: Tabling this item until input is received from Corp Counsel. MOTION to create a subgroup without a walking quorum that will take input from the board regarding applications and make a recommendation to the Board which will then make a recommendation to the County Exec when there are vacancies. This MOTION is pending approval from the Corp Counsel. KENDIZIORA made the motion and RICH seconded, but not all members were present at the time of the motion so it is left on the floor and not passed.

2 - Work Plan Approval: The Work Plan is a living document, it was decided that the Board did not need to approve with a motion.

3 - Dane County Tree Board Purchases: Not discussed.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

2/17/2026 at 3:45 pm, 5201 Fen Oak Dr., Madison WILL SET A DIFFERENT DATE DUE TO THE WAA CONFERENCE CONFLICTING

H. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Dane County Parks was awarded an ISA Leaf award for the Indian Lake Arbor Day activity that Tree board participated in.

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

J. Adjourn

**A MOTION was made by RICH, seconded by KENDZIORA. The MOTION passed.
The meeting adjourned at 5:07pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson, pending board approval.