



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

5:45 PM

City-County Building - Room 357
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Madison, WI 53703

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A. Call To Order

Present: 3 - Chair PATRICK DOWNING, Vice Chair CARL CHENOWETH and TIM KIEFER

Absent: 1 - KYLE RICHMOND

Youth Governance Member present: Elise Drott

Staff present: Jennifer Blazek, Chris James, Dave Merritt, Kevin Connors

Others present: none

Chair Downing called the meeting to order at 5:50pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2015](#) 2015 MIN_343_EANR MINUTES 8-18-15
[MIN-343](#)

Attachments: [2015 MIN-343 EANR 8-18-15](#)

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by KIEFER, that the Minutes of August 18, 2015 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 3/1, YGP 1/0

Ayes: 3 - DOWNING, Vice Chair CHENOWETH and KIEFER

Absent: 1 - RICHMOND

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

10. [2015 RES-189](#) 2015 RES-189 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING FOR WALKING IRON COUNTY WILDLIFE AREA

Sponsors: WUEST, CHENOWETH, DOWNING and RIPP

Attachments: [2015 RES-189.pdf](#)
[2015 RES-189 Fiscal Note.pdf](#)

A motion was made by CHENOWETH, seconded by KIEFER, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 3/0, YGP 1/0

Ayes: 3 - DOWNING, Vice Chair CHENOWETH and KIEFER

Absent: 1 - RICHMOND

- [2015 RES-235](#) AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR 2015-2016 STATE OF WISCONSIN DNR URBAN FORESTRY GRANT

Sponsors: DOWNING and RICHMOND

Attachments: [2015 RES-235 Authorization to Apply for DNR Urban Forestry Grant.pdf](#)
[2015 RES-235 Fiscal Note.pdf](#)

A motion was made by KIEFER, seconded by CHENOWETH, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 3/0, YGP 1/0

Ayes: 3 - DOWNING, Vice Chair CHENOWETH and KIEFER

Absent: 1 - RICHMOND

12. [2015 RES-225](#) RES 2015-225 AMENDING THE 2015 BUDGET FOR A NATURE CONSERVANCY GRANT

Sponsors: DOWNING, RICHMOND and WUEST

Attachments: [2015 RES-225.pdf](#)
[2015 RES-225 Fiscal Note.pdf](#)

Committee request a report be provided on the Pleasant Valley project.

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

Ayes: 3 - DOWNING, Vice Chair CHENOWETH and KIEFER

Absent: 1 - RICHMOND

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations

Jennifer Blazek, Dairy & Livestock Agent - Heifer Grazing Pilot Project

Jennifer Blazek, UW Dane County Grazing & Livestock Educator, reported on the Heifer Grazing Initiative in the Yahara Watershed. The goal is to enroll four farms with up to 100 acres each in the project.

Chris James, Park Planner - McCarthy Park Master Plan

Chris James presented the McCarthy Youth & Conservation County Park Master Plan. A resolution will be prepared for county board approval.

G. Reports to Committee

Dave Merrit and Kevin Connors reported on the status of the Nutrient Concentration System selection process and the Vienna digester.

H. Announcements

None.

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*5:45pm Tuesday, October 6th at the Lyman Anderson Agriculture Center.
- 2016 Budget Presentation & Discussion*

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

There was a consensus of appreciation among the members for the service Abigail Wuest has given on the Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee.

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by CHENOWETH, seconded by KIEFER, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 3/0, YGM 1/0

Ayes: 3 - DOWNING, Vice Chair CHENOWETH and KIEFER

Absent: 1 - RICHMOND

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

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