



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, November 18, 2025

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 3:48pm

Present 7 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, MATT NOONE, CORY RICH, CATHY BRODBECK,
TIERNEY BOCSI, TEDWARD ERKER, and KATE KENDZIORA

Excused 1 - LAURA WYATT

Others present: Brian Wahl, Lisa Johnson

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-411](#)

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2025, TREE BOARD MEETING

Attachments: [2025 MIN-411](#)

A MOTION to accept minutes was made by RICH, seconded by BRODBECK.
MOTION passed (7-0).

C. Tree Board Operating Agreement

No change

D. Project and General Updates

- 1 - Starkweather Buckthorn Removal Project: Wahl attended OFS legacy crew Madison College Urban Forestry students and professors and NOONE, Alves cleared about 1.5 acres of buckthorn between MATC and golf course by bike path, 30 people.
- 2 - DCTB Apparel to Represent Our Board at Events: RICH sent out link, send orders to him and NOONE.
- 3 - 1930's Bordner Map: NOONE has worked on this over 10 years with 200 students converting the 1930s date to GIS. Old growth forest map funded by the Bock Foundation, to be finalized this year.
- 4 - Remarkable Trees of Dane County: Over 100 trees nominated in Dane County.

Notes: MMSD project with Alves relocating several trees on Shabazz school grounds that were in danger from planned construction, included some Urban Forestry students from Madison College. Alves also is helping review landscaping plans for schools. Work funded by IRA grant.

CARPC got a grant to develop LEAF curriculum around tree crib/heritage tree project at schools.

E. Discussion Items

- 1 - Mission and Vision Statement: Reviewed the revised statements, goals, and objectives and did more revising.
- 2 - Annual Report: Will discuss who will work on it in December when Goal 6 is discussed.
- 3 - 2026 DCTB Goals: Career fair/workforce development event to be included.

Notes: Add annual work plan to standing discussion items to be reviewed quarterly. Johnson will send previous annual plans of work and send a Doodle poll for a meeting in the 1st and 2nd weeks of December.

F. Action Items

- 1 - Mission and Vision Statement: See motion below.
- 2 - Tree Board Purchases:

Notes: In December, address Goal 6, Objective 1 and define and assign roles and assign work group to tackle Annual Plan of Work and Annual Report to be submitted in March (after Feb when WAA/WDNR awards are given). May decide to release to the County Board in June ahead of budget deliberations. Make a presentation annual to the County Board or committees such as EANR. RICH, RITT, NOONE, Wahl, and Johnson will meet Dec 8 to create a 2026 plan of work.

BRODBECK left during this discussion at 4:35pm.

BRODBECK MOTIONS to approve revised mission and vision statements, RICH seconds, MOTION passes 7-0.

Present 6 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, MATT NOONE, CORY RICH, TIERNEY BOCSI,
TEDWARD ERKER, and KATE KENDZIORA
Excused 2 - LAURA WYATT, and CATHY BRODBECK

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

12/16/2025 at 3:45 pm. Location to be determined.

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

J. Adjourn

A MOTION was made by RICH, seconded by RITT. The MOTION passed (6-0). The meeting adjourned at 4:49pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson, pending board approval.