



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee Park Commission

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

5:30 PM

Lyman Anderson Agriculture Center
5201 Fen Oak Drive - Conference Room AB
Madison, WI 53718

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A. Call To Order

Present: 5 - KYLE RICHMOND, DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and TOM THORESEN
Excused: 2 - CHRISTINE HAAG and MARY SCHLAEFER

Staff present: Darren Marsh, Laura Hicklin, Jan Zimmermann, Chris James, Mindy Habecker (UW-Extension)

Others present: David Liebl, Jim Welsh

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

Haag arrived at 5:40pm.

Meeting called to order by Lunney at 5:30pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2015](#) 3-9-16 PARK COMM MINUTES
[MIN-679](#)

Attachments: [2015 MIN-679-3-9-16 PC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that the March 9, 2016 Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor RICHMOND, Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 2 - HAAG and SCHLAEFER

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2015
RES-505](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A WDNR GRANT FOR A
SNOWMOBILE TRAIL BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT -
BREEZELESS BLUE BRIDGE OVER ROXBURY CREEK

Sponsors: RIPP

Attachments: [2015 RES-505](#)
[2015 RES-505 Fiscal Note](#)
[2015 RES-505 CONTRACT #12742](#)

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

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor RICHMOND, Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 2 - HAAG and SCHLAEFER

[2015
RES-506](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A WDNR GRANT FOR A
SNOWMOBILE TRAIL BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT -
MARXVILLE OVER HALFWAY PRAIRIE CREEK

Sponsors: RIPP

Attachments: [2015 RES-506](#)
[2015 RES-506 Fiscal Note](#)
[2015 RES-506 CONTRACT #12745](#)

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

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor RICHMOND, Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 2 - HAAG and SCHLAEFER

[2015
RES-541](#) MORTON FOREST DONATION

Sponsors: JONES, DOWNING, ERICKSON, GILLIS, KOLAR, RIPP, SCHMIDT and VELDRAN

Attachments: [2015 RES-541](#)
[2015 RES-541 Fiscal Note](#)

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

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor RICHMOND, Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 2 - HAAG and SCHLAEFER

Haag arrived at 5:40pm.

Present: 6 - KYLE RICHMOND, DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and TOM THORESEN

Excused: 1 - MARY SCHLAEFER

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations

a. Dane County Pollinator Protection Plan

Presenters Mindy Habecker and David Liebl

In 2014, the Dane County Board of Supervisors created a task force to investigate declining pollinator populations. Their charge was to assess honeybee health issues and the future stability of agricultural products that are dependent on pollination. The Dane County Pollinator Protection Task Force (DCPPTF) collected information on the local pollinators and developed a plan that outlined future pollinator protection and educational efforts within Dane County.

G. Reports to Committee

a. Patrick Marsh and North Mendota Natural Resource Area land exchange with Natural Heritage Land Trust

Hicklin provided an overview of a potential land exchange between Dane County and the Natural Heritage Land Trust. She stated that the Commission had reviewed this potential exchange in the past as staff explored the opportunity. Hicklin explained that the exchange of properties is being proposed to create greater efficiency and streamline project work for both agencies. Dane County would take over lands associated with the North Mendota Natural Resource Area and the Natural Heritage Land Trust would take over properties within the Patrick Marsh Natural Resource Area; adding that Dane County will still be involved to assist with potential acquisitions or other planning at Patrick Marsh. Hicklin then went on to identify the County properties located within the Patrick Marsh and the North Mendota Natural Resource Areas. Jim Welsh, Natural Heritage Land Trust identified the lands owned and managed by the Land Trust within the two Natural Resource Areas and discussed the work their agency was working on. Welsh provided some history on the Welke Preserve, a donation, and the purpose for the donation.

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that the potential land exchange be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0

Ayes: 6 - Supervisor RICHMOND, Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - SCHLAEFER

b. Conservation Fund Grant Award Recommendation

Zimmermann provided a summary of the proposed grant and the area that it will protect within the Blue Mounds Natural Resource Area.

A motion was made by HAAG, seconded by THORESEN that the grant be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0

Ayes: 6 - Supervisor RICHMOND, Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - SCHLAEFER

c. Token Creek Natural Resource Area Acquisition

Hicklin reviewed a potential acquisition that will protect additional lands within the Token Creek Natural Resource Area.

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that the potential acquisition of land be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Supervisor RICHMOND, Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - SCHLAEFER

d. Lower Yahara River Trail

James provided an update on the progress of the project.

e. Events

*April 16th Youth Service Day – McCarthy Youth and Conservation County Park
April 23rd Kite Building Work Shop – Schumacher County Farm
May 7th Donald Dash – Donald County Park
May 7th Healing Garden/Labyrinth Kick-off Silverwood County Park*

H. Announcements

None.

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting is May 11, 2016 at 5:30 PM

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

L. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by Darren Marsh. Minutes are subject to committee approval.