



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Food Council

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

5:30 PM

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

A. Call To Order

Chair **WARNER** called the meeting to order at 5:32pm

Present 5 - CARL CHENOWETH, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG, ERICA
JANISCH, and SEBASTIAN HASSELL

Excused 4 - DANIEL CORNELIUS, ADDI FAERBER, JAY BROWER, and KERRY MARREN

Attended by Zoom: NENNIG, JANISCH, HASSELL

Others Present: YGP member Radhika Gupta, Jess Guffey Calkins

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-065](#)

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2025, FOOD COUNCIL MEETING

Attachments: [2025 MIN-065](#)

A motion was made by NENNIG, seconded by JANISCH, to approve the minutes.
All in favor, motion carries (5-0).

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

D. Reports to Committee*Regular Business Reports*

- *Dane County Food Action Plan – WARNER, Guffey Calkins*

As a follow-up to the February public launch event, there was a May 1st follow-up held at Pasture and Plenty. The event was well-attended and productive. Community engagement focus group dates will be shared to DCFC over email.

Project website: <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/dane-county-food-action-plan/>.

Consumer survey can be taken and shared: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q27L2CL>.

- *Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc – CORNELIUS*

No report

- *Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty; Community Gardens – Nicholas Leete via Guffey Calkins*

Regional Ag & Food Sovereignty (RAFS) meetings are on first Wednesdays at 3PM.

- *Food Access; Double Dollars Program – Guffey Calkins*

Double Dollars will be available at participating Dane County farmers markets from June 1 – Oct 31.

- *Public Health Madison & Dane County; City of Madison Business Development –*

Nick Heckman via Guffey Calkins

None

- *Extension/Dane County – Guffey Calkins*

Upcoming educational events are listed on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website: <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>.

DCFC Action Plan reports

- *Policy – Guffey Calkins*

Information was shared about the county land agricultural lease process. More updates will be shared at the next meeting.

- *Food Access and Equity (PIE) – JANISCH, NENNIG*

PIE grant allocations were approved, and will be announced soon by Executive Agard's office.

- *Community Engagement – WARNER*

Building off of the PIE follow-up discussion at the last DCFC meeting, work is in progress to connect with PIE applicants who asked for additional project support and connections.

- *Organizational Capacity*

No report

- *Food System Resource Recommendations*

No report

Council Discussion

- YGP Project – YGP Representative Gupta shared final details about the YGP project event - the Sustainability Safari is next week at the Vilas Zoo: Wed 5/28, 9:30am-1:30pm. All are encouraged to come. DCFC thanked Gupta for serving on DCFC.

E. Announcements

Supervisor Brower resigned from DCFC.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting is 6/18/25. Back to 6pm start time.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

I. Adjourn

**A motion was made by JANISCH, seconded by NENNIG, to adjourn the meeting.
All in favor, motion carries (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:58pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending council approval.