



# 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?*

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Wednesday, March 1, 2023

5:30 PM

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

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See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public  
testimony.

#### A. Call To Order

- Present** 7 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, Vice Chair SHEENA TESCH, Chair BILL WARNER,  
MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL, SHIRLEY NENNIG, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE,  
and ERICA JANISCH
- Excused** 2 - DANIEL CORNELIUS, and ABHA THAKKAR

*OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#) 1.25.2023 MINUTES FOOD COUNCIL  
[MIN-595](#)

**Attachments:** [2022 MIN-595](#)

A motion was made by CATON CAMPBELL, seconded by NENNIG, that the  
Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

#### C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

#### D. Action Items

*DCFC Work Groups*

*Members held a discussion about some possible adjustments to DCFC Work Groups.*

A motion was made by ANDRAE, seconded by JANISCH, that the motions to shift  
the work groups out of the subcommittee structure be approved. The motion Vote  
no without objection (7-0)

A motion was made by ANDRAE, seconded by RITT, that the motion to postpone this work group action item indefinitely be approved. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

## E. Reports to Committee

### *Work Group Reports*

- *Food Access, Relief & Economic Support*

*No report*

- *Food Plan – CATON CAMPBELL*

*USDA Regional Food System Partnership grant application is open; due May 2. REAP Food Group is planning to be the lead applicant.*

*Sift Consulting will present about the Dane County Pandemic Food System Study at the DCFC meeting on Weds, March 22, 5:30 pm (hybrid format – option to attend either via zoom or in-person (5201 Fen Oak Dr, Madison, WI, 53704 – Drumlin Room).*

- *Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty – TESCH*

*Documented a story about McPike Park food garden space planning for Farmland Preservation Task Force.*

*Currently supporting and assisting the City of Madison Farmland Preservation Task Force.*

### *Staff Reports*

- *City of Madison*

*No report*

*- Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman via Guffey Calkins  
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) emergency allotments will be coming to an end in February. All SNAP (FoodShare in Wisconsin) recipients have been receiving additional funds on their EBT card since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, with everyone receiving at least the maximum benefit for their household size and the households with the least resources receiving an additional \$95/month. Beginning in March, households will return to their pre-pandemic benefit levels, which could be a change of hundreds of dollars per month for some families. Emergency food providers are bracing for a potential surge in demand.*

- *Dane County/Extension – Guffey Calkins*

*Dane County Executive announced recipients of \$2 million in local emergency food pantry assistance grants: <https://www.countyofdane.com/PressDetail/11203>*

*Upcoming food systems educational events on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website (<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>) include a FEED (Food Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development) virtual Spring 2023 Workshop Series: Tips for Food and Farm Business Success – dates are Thurs, March 9 evening, and then Mondays March 13-April 24. March 20 will feature Chris Brockel of FEED Kitchens and Thony Clarke of Café Costa Rica and Mango Man Salsa. There will also be a Green Thumb Gardening Spring class series in March-April.*

### *Regular Business Reports*

- *Double Dollars – Guffey Calkins*

*No report*

- *Community Gardens*

*No report*

- *Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning Practice –*

TESCH

TESCH has taken on this role from THAKKAR; attended meeting last week.

*Council Discussion*

- 2023 PIE Food Project grant process – NENNIG, JANISCH, RITT  
17 Applications received: 5 for the under \$2K grant, 12 for the \$2-\$4K grant.

- *Work Groups*

*Discussed under D.*

*Guffey Calkins was commended for her work group support.*

## **F. Announcements**

## **G. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*March 22 – Pandemic Food Study presentation by Sift Consulting*

## **H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

## **I. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by CATON CAMPBELL, seconded by NENNIG, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.**

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