



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

EV Advisory Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, January 12, 2026

1:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the City County Building (210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 351) or virtually via Zoom.

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

A. Call To Order

Staff Present: Nicole Dewitt

Others Present: David Salmon (City of Sun Prairie)

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Kuntz at 1:02 p.m.

Present 14 - PHIL GRUPE, LYNN MCDANIEL, JIM SCHWINGLE, GREGG MAY, Chair KATHY KUNTZ, DAPHNE XU, Vice Chair DAVID LONSDORF, EDWARD LEE, ERINN MONORE-NYE, ANDREW BREMER, CRISTINA CARVAJAL, SAMANTHA WORDEN, STEPHANIE ROBINSON, and KARI GEHRKE

Absent 2 - JOSH GALASSO, and KAREN MENEDEZ-COLLER

B. Consideration of Minutes

A motion was made by LONSDORF, seconded by MAY, that the minutes from November 17, 2025 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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DRAFT minutes from previous meeting (Nov 17, 2025)

Attachments: [DRAFT minutes from previous meeting \(Nov 17, 2025\).pdf](#)

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

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Program Update

Attachments: [Program Update 01.12.26.pdf](#)

Kathy provided an update on Round 1 and 2 sites, which are currently in the

design phase:

- Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change (DC-OECC) is holding one-on-one meetings with site hosts to review preliminary designs so that there is an opportunity for input prior to paperwork being submitted to the Federal Highway Administration's Wisconsin (FHWA-WI) office.
- Preliminary design, cost estimate, and environmental paperwork has been submitted to FHWA-WI for 31 sites (Round 1) and approval is expected by the end of January; in addition, we anticipate submitting paperwork to FHWA-WI for an additional 22 sites (Round 2) in February. (Note: the Round 2 site in Monona will not be moving forward.)

Kathy provided an update on the construction phase:

- After FHWA-WI approval of the paperwork submitted, the FHWA Headquarters (in Washington, DC) would, in normal times, issue a budget amendment authorizing the release of construction dollars. Other grantees have determined that Legal action is necessary to ensure the federal government upholds their contractual obligations and Wisconsin's Attorney General is part of a national lawsuit (representing the interests of EV owners in Wisconsin) toward that end.
- To further prepare for the construction phase, both current site hosts and the EV Advisory Commission have provided input regarding construction vendor requirements related to construction, hardware, software, and operations & maintenance (O&M).
- The KL Engineering design team created a framework for O&M that is more specific than the federal requirements under the Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) program; this will be included in the construction RFP when it is issued.
- Site host agreements have been executed for most of the Round 1 sites. An easement will also need to be granted but design needs to be completed first.
- A number of members asked for clarification on site host obligations as it relates to O&M. Kathy indicated that the county is responsible in Years 1-5. Thereafter, the site host owns the infrastructure and equipment and can handle O&M as they see fit. It's helpful to think of this as "capacity building" and a way for sites to get involved in helping to build EV infrastructure in a low risk way.

Kathy provided an update on the Wisconsin Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (WEVI) Program:

- Under formula funding the State of Wisconsin was awarded \$78M in grant money to install fast-charging stations along the state's Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFC), which is essentially interstates and major highways. Thus far, the state has awarded 79 stations totaling \$37.3 in federal funding, leaving \$40M available for more flexible EV funding once USDOT and the State confirm that the AFC is fully built out. For example, they may consider tourism and secondary highway locations in future planning efforts. We expect that WisDOT will solicit public input into the plan for the remaining state EV charging monies and we will keep the Commission informed about that.

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Current Sites & Site Gaps

Attachments: [20260112 EV Sites Discussion \(updated\).pdf](#)

Kathy shared information about the distribution of Round 1 and 2 sites (refer to slides 3-6) and called out possible gaps (refer to slides 7-8). Kathy explained that in the CFI grant we committed to install 68 stations (between Round 1 and 2 we currently have 53). DC-OECC would like to issue another RFP in mid-March and attract 20-25 additional site hosts. Kathy asked the commission members for their thoughts and suggestions about how to ensure the RFP produces applicants in areas where we currently have gaps. Members provided the following guidance:

- For the members to make more specific recommendations, it would be helpful to identify gaps by neighborhood rather than just referencing the map. Kathy agreed to work with the KL Engineering Team to get this information out to the group.
- In addition to considering multifamily housing, it would be helpful to think about locations that are motivated to be a “good neighbor” (e.g. churches).
- OECC might want to engage municipal staff in specific communities where there are gaps.

Following the discussion Kathy said she would work with KL Engineering to develop a list of priority areas and then get that list to the Commission, asking Commission members to assist with outreach to identify potential sites in those priority areas. This outreach can occur before OECC issues the third RFP. At this point Kathy anticipates that third RFP to go out in March 2026.

E. Reports to Committee

None

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

2026 meetings will be held on the following Mondays from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.: April 13, July 13, and October 12.

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 LONSDORF, seconded by LEE, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Dewitt, pending committee approval.