



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

*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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Thursday, April 4, 2019

5:30 PM

Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center  
5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room A/B  
Madison WI 53718

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present:** 4 - PATRICK DOWNING, MICHELE RITT, YOGESH CHAWLA and JEREMY LEVIN

**Excused:** 1 - NIKOLE JONES

*Youth Governance Member Excused: Alana Yevzlin, Angela Moreno-Lopez*

*Staff Present: Laura Hicklin*

*Others Present: Jon Becker (CRANES), Supervisor Chenoweth, Shelley Mesch*

*Meeting called to order by Chair RITT at 5:46 pm.*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#) EANR MINUTES\_3-14-19  
[MIN-522](#)

**Attachments:** [2018 MIN-522 EANR Minutes 3-14-19.pdf](#)

A motion was made by LEVIN, seconded by CHAWLA, that the minutes of March 14, 2019 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 3/0/1 (DOWNING abstained)

**Ayes:** 3 - Chair RITT, Secretary CHAWLA and LEVIN

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair JONES

**Abstain:** 1 - DOWNING

#### C. Fund Transfers

[2018 FTR-37](#) DONATED LTE FUNDS-FRIENDS OF CAP SPRINGS RECREATION  
AREA

**Attachments:** [2018 FTR-37 FOCSRA Donated LTE funds 2019](#)

A motion was made by LEVIN, seconded by CHAWLA, that the Fund Transfer be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 4/0

**D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)**

1. [2018 RES-582](#) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OPERATION FRESH START INC.

**Attachments:** [2018 RES-582](#)  
[2018 RES-582 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by CHAWLA, seconded by LEVIN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote:4/0

2. [2018 RES-623](#) DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO THE PRAIRIE ENTHUSIASTS (WILKEN)

**Attachments:** [2018 RES-623](#)  
[2018 RES-623 Fiscal Note](#)  
[2018 RES-623 MAP Wilken Area Map](#)  
[2018 RES-623 MAP Wilken Subject Parcel](#)

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by LEVIN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote:4/0

3. [2018 RES-624](#) DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY (O'MALLEY)

**Attachments:** [2018 RES-624](#)  
[2018 RES-624 Fiscal Note](#)  
[2018 RES-624 MAP OMalley SubjectMap](#)  
[2018 RES-624 MAP OMalleyAreaSixMileCk](#)

A motion was made by CHAWLA, seconded by LEVIN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote :4/0

4. [2018 RES-601](#) AUTHORIZING THE CARRY FORWARD OF FUNDING AND AMENDING THE 2019 AND OPERATING BUDGET FOR DANE COUNTY EXTENSION

Attachments: [2018 RES-601](#)  
[2018 RES-601 Fiscal note](#)

A motion was made by CHAWLA, seconded by LEVIN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 4/0

#### E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

#### F. Presentations - None

#### G. Reports to Committee

- [2018 RPT-582](#) LAKE LEVELS TASK FORCE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS\_3-18-19

Attachments: [2018 RPT-582 Lake Levels Task Force Final Recommendation\\_3-18-19.pdf](#)

*Jon Becker, representing CRANES, asked that the task force report be amended to address the following points: 1. Using soil borings or other data to determine the historic lake levels, prior to development of the Tenney Dam, 2. Avoid the fish weir when dredging, 3. Identify the emergency powers of the County to manage outside of the DNR order, 4. Request the DNR to share the science behind the 1979 lake order, 5. Identify how public comments to the task force were considered by the task force, and 6. Provide explanation of how the task force members were appointed. He also asked that all public meetings be live streamed. Supervisor Chenoweth asked that the task force report be amended to add Dunkirk dam to the list of dams that should be jointly coordinated. Chair RITT noted that the task force recommendations were on the agenda as a report to the committee to make committee members aware that the task force had completed its task and that the recommendations are available for review.*

#### H. Announcements

*None*

#### I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*The next meeting will be May 9th or the call of the Chair.*

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

*Jon Becker, representing himself, noted how difficult it is for the public to track county business and to get involved in a meaningful way. He also expressed concern that work group and task force appointments are not transparent.*

**K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*None*

**L. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by LEVIN, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 4/0**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.*

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Hicklin. Minutes are subject to committee approval.*