



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?

This meeting is being conducted on land now known and recognized as Dane County, Wisconsin. We acknowledge that this land is at the same time the ancestral, traditional, & contemporary land of the Ho-Chunk, Sauk & Kickapoo nations.

Thursday, May 7, 2026

5:30 PM

Attend in person at 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Mendota
Conference Room; attend virtually via zoom.

See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public testimony. The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm or when the Land Conservation Committee adjourns, whichever is later. The Zoom link for the meetings is the same.

Interpreters must be requested in advance; please see the bottom of the agenda for more information.

Los intérpretes deben solicitarse con anticipación; consulte el final de la agenda para obtener más información.

Yuav tsuam tau thov txog cov neeg txhais lus hau ntej; thov saib hauv qab kawg ntawm qhov txheej txheem rau cov ntaub ntawv ntiv.

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The May 7, 2026 Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee meeting will be a hybrid meeting. Members of the public can either attend in person or virtually via Zoom.

The public can attend in person at 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Mendota Conference Room.

The public can access the meeting virtually with the Zoom application or by telephone.

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https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zJcwFUv2Q8KJcXI4dmQZ-Q

This link will be active until the end of the meeting.

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When prompted, enter the following Webinar ID: 917 7806 0437

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IN PERSON: Any members of the public wishing to register to speak on/support/oppose an agenda item can register in person at the meeting using paper registration forms. **IT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER VIA THE ZOOM LINK ABOVE EVEN IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING IN PERSON.**

In person registrations to provide public comment will be accepted throughout the meeting.

VIRTUAL: Any members of the public wishing to register to speak on/support/oppose an agenda item **MUST REGISTER USING THE LINK ABOVE** (even if you plan to attend using your phone). Virtual registrations to provide public comment will be accepted until 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting.

In order to testify (provide public comment) virtually, you must be in attendance at the meeting via Zoom or phone, you will then either be unmuted or promoted to a panelist and provided time to speak to the body.

If you want to submit written comments or other materials for this meeting, please email them to: lwrd@danecounty.gov. Staff will forward the email and materials to members of the committee.

A. Call To Order

Supervisor Marren called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.

Youth Governance Member Excused: Sophia Pientka

Others present: Cecely Castillo, Steve Books

Staff Present: Amy Piaget, Laura Hicklin

Present: 5 - KERRY MARREN, DAN BLAZEWICZ, PAULA BRANDMEIER, PATRICK DOWNING and HENRY FRIES

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Chair

FRIES nominated MARREN for Chair, no other nominations were offered.
MARREN elected Chair by unanimous consent.

2. Vice Chair

MARREN nominated BRANDMEIER for Vice-Chair, no other nominations were offered. BRANDMEIER elected Vice-Chair by unanimous consent.

C. Consideration of Minutes

[2025
MIN-634](#)

Minutes of the March 12, 2026 Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Sponsors: Environment and Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Attachments: [EANR 03-12-26](#)

A motion was made by BRANDMEIER that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

D. Fund Transfers

E. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2025
RES-430](#)

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ADDENDUM FOR 2026 FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Sponsors: CHAWLA and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-430](#)
[2025 RES-430 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by DOWNING that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote (5-0).

2. [2025
RES-431](#)

ACCEPTANCE OF A WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GRANT TO REPLACE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL BRIDGE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Sponsors: CHAWLA and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-431](#)
[2025 RES-431 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-431 CONTRACT #16294](#)

A motion was made by BLAZEWICZ that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote (5-0).

3. [2025
RES-433](#)

AUTHORIZING THE EXTINGUISHMENT OF .4 ACRES OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR HIGHWAY 51 PROJECT

Sponsors: CHAWLA, RYLANDER and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-433](#)
[2025 RES-433 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-433 MAP](#)

A motion was made by BLAZEWICZ that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote (5-0).

4. [2025
RES-434](#) AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY LIMITED EASEMENT ON A CONSERVATION
EASEMENT FOR HIGHWAY 51 PROJECT

Sponsors: CHAWLA, RYLANDER and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-434](#)
[2025 RES-434 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-434 MAP](#)

A motion was made by BLAZEWICZ that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote (5-0).

5. [2025
RES-435](#) AUTHORIZING THE PERMANENT PROTECTION OF LAND IN THE LOWER
MUD LAKE NATURAL RESOURCE AREA AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
HO-CHUNK NATION AND GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY

Sponsors: MILES, BARUSHOK, BRANDMEIER and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-435](#)
[2025 RES-435 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-435 MAP](#)

A motion was made by BLAZEWICZ that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote (5-0).

F. Items Requiring Committee Action

G. Presentations

H. Reports to Committee

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- [2026
RPT-010](#) 2026 EANR & LCC MEETING DATES

Attachments: [2026 EANR & LCC Meeting Dates](#)

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 20th.

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Steve Books spoke in support of volunteers and shoreline property owners taking advantage of low water levels to remove debris from the shoreline.

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by BLAZEWICZ, seconded by BRANDMEIER, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:19 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Hicklin and subject to committee action at a future meeting.

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