



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Tree Board

*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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Monday, February 24, 2025

3:45 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Lyman  
Anderson building 5201 Fen Oak Dr; Meeting Room  
Driftless 121; attend virtually via Zoom

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#### A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:48pm

**Present** 9 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, JAY WEISS, LAURA WYATT, MATT NOONE, CORY RICH, CATHY BRODBECK, TIERNEY BOCSI, TEDWARD ERKER, and KATE KENDZIORA

*Also present: Brian Wahl, Adam Alves, Lisa Johnson*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

A motion was made by WEISS, seconded by ERKER, to accept the minutes.  
MOTION carried unanimously (9-0).

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**Attachments:** [2024 MIN-449](#)

#### C. Tree Board Operating Agreement

**D. Project & General Updates**

1. *MATC Arboriculture and Urban Forestry Program advisory board meeting*
2. *DCTB letter of support status for MATC 2-year program. TB already voted to approve this.*
  - *On hold as funding for the one-year program is changing. Students are advocating to save it first, and the two-year request will need to come later. A possibility of cross platform credits with other programs for some classes exists. Discussion on Board letters to support such a cross platform partnership.*
3. *Website additions:*
  - a. *New Section: Education/Resources*
    - *NOONE made some very nice updates.*
  - b. *New Maps: Remarkable Trees of Dane County, Growing Shade, Wisconsin Bearing Trees, Dispatches from the Living Artifacts.*
    - *May be a 501(c)(3) with resources to support more community involvement, idea of a calendar with photos of the trees was raised.*
4. *Heritage Oak School Trees; schools will likely need assistance with distribution.*
  - *Cribs are now at 5-6 schools. Discussion of plaques on the cribs to indicate the purpose of the program and Tree Board involvement. Distribution of tree seedlings at public events. RICH mentioned opportunities like plant sales, Arbor Day or Earth Day events, or farmers markets. Johnson mentioned the MAMGA plant sale at the Extension office might be a possibility and she would check. Master Gardeners have booths at two area farmers markets and that might be a place to distribute trees.*
5. *Year in review report: for county commissioners to be completed in February for review of DCTB members.*
  - *NOONE will have a draft by the end of February for the Board to review.*

## E. Discussion Items

### 1. Resolution Language Discussion

- New verbiage was reviewed. Tree Board would provide support as forestry operations plan is updated. Would be a living document, evolving as needed over time as communication and information needs between County Departments involved with trees changes

### 2. Upcoming events TB will be involved in?

- Bird and Nature Fest (April 27)
- Party for the Planet (May 3)
- Earth Day Extravaganza at Lussier Center (Tuesday April 22)
- Bilingual Environmental Conservation Fair, 4/26/2025, @ Elver Park
- Others?

### 3. Additional purchase of heritage trees from DNR Nursery (300 minimum trees required).

- Discussion of purchasing more to meet needs for 2025 events below.

- a) EcoLatinos requested TB to distribute 100 heritage oaks
- b) Midwest Climate Collaborative would like to give away heritage oaks to conference participants ~100 trees
- c) 100+ additional to give away at events

### 4. Construction of two additional tree cribs – one for The Village of Cambridge (at Severson Learning Center) and the second for either Mt. Horeb or Verona

- WEISS will check with David Stephens at Longenecker aluminum etched sign. Alves mentioned Signs by Tomorrow and metalmaking machine to fabricate at the Robinson Road. Signage on all cribs will help explain the project. WYATT mentions a graphic novel that would be kid-friendly. RICH will check if any OFS students have this talent.

### 5. Remarkable Trees of Dane County web map (Promotion idea? Incentives? Contest?)

## F. Action Items

### 1. Resolution Language Approval

**A motion was made by BOCSI, seconded by RICH, to accept the resolution language as it currently exists with flexibility for grammar, etc., changes recommended by the Dane County corporate counsel staff. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

**RITT will move the language on to Corp Counsel for clean-up/formatting.**

### 2. TB purchases (additional heritage oak saplings and related supplies), (two tree cribs - includes construction, supplies, soil, tree pots)

**A motion was made by WEISS, seconded by BRODBECK, to use 2025 Dane County Tree Board funds for the heritage oak seedlings, construction and materials for cribs, and other supplies supporting these programs. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

*3. Other purchases*

**A motion was made by RICH, seconded by BOCSI, to use any excess funds existing after the previous items are purchased for Tree Board-branded items to have at events. The motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

**G. Future Meeting Items & Dates**

*March 18, 2025 @ 3:45 pm - 5201 Fen Oak Dr, Madison*

**H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

*None*

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

*None*

**J. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by BRODBECK, seconded by RICH, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously (9-0). The meeting adjourned at 4:54pm.**

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