



# 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, December 4, 2024

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Lyman  
Anderson building, 5201 Fen Oak Dr, Madison, WI 53718;  
Meeting Room Moraine (C); Attend virtually via Zoom

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#### A. Call To Order

Chair Warner called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm.

- Present** 6 - CARL CHENOWETH, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG,  
DANIEL CORNELIUS, SEBASTIAN HASSELL, and ADDI FAERBER
- Excused** 3 - ERICA JANISCH, JAY BROWER, and KERRY MARREN

*Attended by Zoom: NENNIG, FAERBER, HASSELL, CORNELIUS, JANISCH  
OTHERS PRESENT: YGP member Radhika Gupta, Jess Guffey Calkins*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

A motion was made by FAERBER, seconded by NENNIG, to approve the minutes.  
All in favor, motion carries (6-0).

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

None

#### D. Presentation

-Dane County Food System Plan progress report and discussion  
This took place on the Madison Food Policy Council meeting. Additional discussion on  
DCFC.

-Madison Public Market updates from MPM director Keisha Harrison  
This took place on the Madison Food Policy Council meeting.

JANISCH joined at 6:22 pm.

- Present** 7 - CARL CHENOWETH, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG, ERICA  
JANISCH, DANIEL CORNELIUS, SEBASTIAN HASSELL, and ADDI FAERBER

**Excused** 2 - JAY BROWER, and KERRY MARREN

## **E. Action Item**

### *Organic Conversion Program funds*

*Created in 2017, these funds offer up to \$250/year, for up to 3 years, for farms converting to, or starting as, organic. Not many growers have inquired about or applied for these funds. There is still \$2,000 remaining out of the original \$3,000. DCFC discussed the idea that providing funds to support growers in obtaining Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Certification may better address growers' needs. GAP certification allows growers to access wholesale markets and also sell to schools.*

**A motion was made by CORNELIUS, seconded by JANISCH, to authorize Jess to move forward with developing an application process for up to \$250 for GAP certification (any year) while also looking at what resources can be available to support producers seeking this certification. All in favor, motion carries 7-0.**

## F. Reports to Committee

### *Regular Business Reports*

- *Regional Food Action Plan (Regional Food System Partnership grant) – WARNER, Guffey Calkins*

*Update was covered in presentation.*

*Project website: <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/dane-county-food-action-plan/>*

- *Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc*

*No report*

- *Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty; Community Gardens – Guffey Calkins*  
*Regional Ag & Food Sovereignty (RAFS) meetings are open to all: 2nd Fridays, 1-2:30, Zoom.*

- *Food Access; Double Dollars Program – Guffey Calkins*

*No report*

- *Public Health Madison & Dane County; City of Madison Business Development – Nick Heckman via Guffey Calkins*

*No report*

- *Extension/Dane County – Guffey Calkins*

*County Executive Melissa Agard will hold upcoming evening listening sessions: 12/12 in Dane, 12/17 in Fitchburg, and 12/18 in Cottage Grove.*

*<https://www.danecounty.gov/PressDetail/11508>*

*Upcoming food systems educational events on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website (<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>) include gardening education classes.*

### *DCFC Action Plan reports*

- *Policy*

*The Policy team met, and will start with land access policies recommendations. The group will meet again in January, and may be reaching out to some individuals to speak to DCFC.*

- *Food Access and Equity (PIE).*

*Draft 2025 PIE grant review timeline:*

- *Fri 1/10/25 – Have 2025 application finalized*

- *Mon 1/20/25 – Start announcing opening of PIE Food Project grants*

- *Mon 2/24/25 – Close the grants (end of business). That gives applicants 5 weeks plus an additional weekend and Monday 2/26 to submit.*

- *PIE review team reads 2/25-3/9/24; meets sometime between 3/10-3/21/24 to make decisions.*

- *Fri 3/31/24 – Funding decision deadline.*

- *Community Engagement*

*No report*

- *Organizational Capacity*

*No report*

- *Food System Resource Recommendations*

*No report*

*Council Discussion*

*- 2025 Meeting dates*

*DCFC will keep the 1/22/25 meeting for now, and will determine whether to switch to a different regular meeting date.*

**G. Announcements**

*- (FAERBER) Farm Fresh Atlas listing process is open for 2025.  
<https://farmfreshatlas.org/>.*

**H. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*1/22/25*

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

*None*

**J. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by CHENOWETH, seconded by HASSELL, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carries 7-0. Adjourned at 6:59 pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending committee approval.