



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?

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

3:45 PM

In-Person Meeting: Attend in person at Tenney Park
Beach, 1300 Sherman Ave, Madison, WI 53703

A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:51pm

Present 5 - MATT NOONE, CORY RICH, TIERNEY BOCSI, KATE KENDZIORA, and BRIANA FRANK

Excused 2 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, and TEDWARD ERKER

Others Present: Brian Wahl, Lisa Johnson, Michael Rewey

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2026
MIN-051](#)

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2026, TREE BOARD MEETING

Attachments: [2026 MIN-051](#)

A MOTION to accept minutes was made by BOCSI, seconded by RICH, MOTION passed (5-0).

C. Tree Board Operating Agreement

No changes

D. Project and General Updates

- 1 - Dane County "Plant Dane" Tree Program: Wahl piggybacking on the native herbaceous plant program and DNR Urban Forestry grant to get trees out of the gravel bed free to public lands such as schools and municipal properties in small towns. First group of people picked up trees last week. They need to move about 300 more trees and will repeat in fall as long as they receive free trees. Recipients must pick up the trees; some are very tall but most are 10' tall.
- 2 - Upcoming Events and DCTB Member Commitments: RITT has cycled off the Tree Board. The Board thanks her for her long years of service! A new county board supervisor, Colin Barushok has been appointed by the County Exec. Tree Board members were at EcoLatinos' event, Party for the Planet and other events and school districts gave away about 800 heritage oak trees. Alves has 20,000 tree seedlings donated to him from a Northern IL organization for Dane County Parks.
- 3 - School Tree Nursery Program (Matt): Moved Frank Allis School Tree Crib with OFS to St. Dennis, not doing a planting there till this autumn.
- 4 - Future Purchases
- 5 - Future Meeting Location

E. Discussion Items

- 1 - Tree Board Events: Workforce development event, RICH reached out to MATC and is awaiting a meeting time to discuss. Goal is to increase more people in the industry. Possibly June. Or 2027 early spring before high schoolers finish school for summer or young adults. Or a fall high school event. Registered Apprenticeship.
- 2 - Other Tree Board Matters: Urban Forestry position is moving through the process.
- 3 - DCTB Application for John C. Bock Foundation
- 4 - DC Ordinance

F. Action Items

- 1 - Dane County Tree Board Purchases
- 2 - Letter of Support for Conservation Program Finder
- 3 - Authorization for DCTB to Apply for Funding to the John C. Bock Foundation: DCTB is not applying for the grant.
- 4 - Other Tree Board Matters: Brodbeck mentioned storm events and insurance companies requiring people to get rid of trees, even healthy ones or their policy will be canceled. FRANK gave more details. It is an ethical problem that tree care companies agree to take out healthy trees. FRANK will forward a letter that Tree Health Management is using and the DCTB will write a letter/article about the issue to send out to various media outlets and listservs. Suggestions made by DCTB to contact Alders, do radio PSAs, send info to the Larry Meiller show Garden Talk, WORT, county board supervisors, Johnson's newspaper column, Johnson's Extension blog, master gardeners, etc.

3. Motion by RICH, seconded by BOCSI, to write a letter of support for CARPC's Bock Foundation grant. MOTION passed (5-0).

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

6/16/2026, 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Madison. Ethics video needs to be viewed by DCTB members per a new county ordinance re county committees.

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 FRANK, seconded by KENDZIORA. The MOTION passed (5-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:08pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson, pending board approval.