



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, October 9, 2025

5:30 PM *Budget* Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person Room 354
City-County Building; attend virtually via zoom.

See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public testimony.

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 ntxiv.

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The October 9th 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 Room 354, City-County Building, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Madison, WI 53703.

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

To join the meeting in Zoom, click the following link (after you fill out the form, the meeting link and access information will be emailed to you):

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PROCESS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Chair Chawla called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Youth Governance Member Present: Sophia Pientka

Others present: Martha Gibson, Tony Abate, Tracy Wiklund, John Sorenson, Chad Haanen

Staff present: Lisa MacKinnon, Carrie Edgar, Laura Hicklin

Present: 5 - YOGESH CHAWLA, PATRICK DOWNING, STEVEN PETERS, KERRY MARREN and COLIN BARUSHOK

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-309](#)

Minutes of the September 25, 2025 Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Sponsors: Environment and Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Attachments: [EANR 09-25-25](#)

A motion was made by PETERS that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

C. Fund Transfers

D. Budget Discussion and Amendments

Budget Presentations

1. *Extension Dane County, University of Wisconsin-Madison*
2. *Dane County Land & Water Resources Department*

Carrie Edgar and Laura Hicklin gave overview presentations of their respective department budget requests.

[2025](#) UW Extension Budget Presentation
[PRES-165](#)

Attachments: [UW Extension Budget Presentation](#)

[2025](#) Land & Water Resources Budget Presentation
[PRES-166](#)

Attachments: [Land & Water Resources Budget Presentation](#)

[2025](#) EANR COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO THE
[ACT-174](#) PROPOSED 2026 OPERATING BUDGET

[2025](#) EANR COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO THE
[ACT-175](#) PROPOSED 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET

Attachments: [EANR-C-01](#)

John Sorenson registered in opposition to EANR-C-01.

Martha Gibson spoke in opposition to EANR-C-01.

Tracy Wiklund spoke in opposition to EANR-C-01.

Tony Abate spoke in opposition to EANR-C-01.

E. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

F. Items Requiring Committee Action

G. Presentations

H. Reports to Committee

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 22nd, 5:30 pm or at the call of the Chair.

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by PETERS that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

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

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Sau tseg: Yog koj xav tau ib tug neeg txhais lus, txhais ua ntaub ntawv, cov ntaub ntawv uas nyob rau lwm yam kev lawm los sis lwm yam kev pab nkag rau qhov kev pab no, kev ua si los sis kev pab cuam, thov hu tus xov tooj rau hauv qab no—xav kom hu li peb hnuv ua ntej tuaj tab sis tsis pub tsawg tshaj 24 xuab moos ua ntej rau lub rooj sib tham no.

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