



# 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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Tuesday, March 18, 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 3:46pm

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

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

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024  
MIN-526](#)

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2025, TREE BOARD MEETING

**Attachments:** [2024 MIN-526](#)

A motion was made by RICH, seconded by WYATT, that the Minutes be approved.  
The MOTION passed (9-0).

#### C. Tree Board Operating Agreement

#### D. Project & General Updates

1. *Heritage oak progeny survey and plans for 2025 (Tedward and Tierney)*

*NOONE reports that 90 data points of addresses and contacts where heritage oak seedlings went to, intend to do survey after leaf-out, species, survived, number of trees. BOCSI and ERKER will work to create a survey and get it sent out after leaf-out.*

## E. Discussion Items

### 1. Take aways from the Tree Board webinar that BRODBECK attended:

- a. Succession, term limits, overall direction... (Cathy and Matt)
- b. BRODBECK learned about how other Tree Boards operate. DCTB is diverse in age, experience, gender, etc. How to attract more diverse members – brochures? FB ad, Next Door? If members getting ready to rotate off the Board notify us some time ahead of openings on the Board, recruitment can have a better timeline. Discussion on term limits. WYATT suggests setting clear expectations for new members. RICH suggests having as an update periodically on when terms are up. Johnson emailed the list of term expirations to all Board members. RICH suggests a committee on recruitment. RICH, BRODBECK, and WYATT volunteered to work on this. WYATT's term is up in April and she will be leaving the Tree Board after 11 amazing years of service. The Board thanks her for all her great work.

### 2. Arbor Day events (everyone)

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ehEov3ecx\\_66Et4gcjuFL4IWA/GzsMgRXLnh8BICINA0/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ehEov3ecx_66Et4gcjuFL4IWA/GzsMgRXLnh8BICINA0/edit?usp=drive_link)

- Earth Day Extravaganza (Lussier Center - April 22)
- Dane County Arbor Day (Indian Lake – April 24 and 25)
- Bilingual Environmental Conservation Fair, El Dia de la Tierra (Elver Park - April 26)
- Bird and Nature Fest (Northside -April 27)
- Midwest Climate Collaborative (UW Memorial Union -May 2 - April 30)
- Party for the Planet (H. Vilas Zoo -May 3)
- Severson Center Tree Crib Installation (Village of Cambridge -May?)
- Mt Horeb Middle School Tree Planting and Tree Crib Installation (Mt. Horeb -May ?)

## F. Action Items

### 1. Tree Board Purchases

Signs for tree cribs – Alves needs to know what should be on it to get it designed and printed in-house if metal. Alves will visit the Shabazz cribs to see what size is possible for the signs.

### 2. Submission of annual report of DCTB activities (Matt)

Viewed and made edit suggestions for the annual report.

## G. Future Meeting Items & Dates

1. April 15, 2025 @ 3:45 pm. Location to be determined.

## 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 WEISS, seconded by BRODBECK, that the meeting be adjourned. The MOTION passed (9-0). The meeting adjourned at 4:48pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson, pending board approval.