



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?

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

6:00 PM

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

A. Call To Order

Chair **WARNER** called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

Present 6 - CARL CHENOWETH, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG,
SEBASTIAN HASSELL, KERRY MARREN, and RICHELLE ANDRAE

Excused 3 - ERICA JANISCH, DANIEL CORNELIUS, and ADDI FAERBER

Others Present: Joleen Stinson, Jess Guffey Calkins
Joined by Zoom: Nennig, Marren, Andrae, Janisch

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-245](#)

MINUTES OF THE JULY 16, 2025, FOOD COUNCIL MEETING

Attachments: [2025 MIN-245](#)

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

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

JANISCH joined at 6:07pm.

Present 7 - CARL CHENOWETH, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG, ERICA
JANISCH, SEBASTIAN HASSELL, KERRY MARREN, and RICHELLE ANDRAE

Excused 2 - DANIEL CORNELIUS, and ADDI FAERBER

D. Reports to Committee

Council Discussion

- Anderson Farm County Park RFP planning

Joleen Stinson, Dane County Parks Director, presented information about the Anderson Farm County Park Request for Proposal that will be posted in September. Questions and a discussion followed.

[2025
PRES-136](#)

ANDERSON FARM COUNTY PARK RFP DISCUSSION

Attachments: [2025 PRES-136](#)

Regular Business Reports

- Dane County Food Action Plan - Noah Bloedorn via WARNER, Guffey Calkins**Project Timeline & Progress**

Over the past few weeks, we've had several successful events, including the "Future of Farming" panel at Vitruvian Farms and an input session at Lakeview Library. We've also received over 600 survey responses, giving us invaluable insights into the needs of Dane County residents.

Our timeline is now shifting to focus on synthesizing this feedback. We aim to finish our public engagement by October and begin the process of drafting the final plan, with a goal of having a complete, actionable plan by early 2026.

Upcoming Events

We have two major events on the horizon that we want to highlight. Please share these with your networks!

- Food & Faith Summit

- **Date:** September 11, 2025

- **Time:** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

- **Location:** Mt. Zion Baptist Church

- **Details:** This conversation will bring together faith leaders and emergency food providers to discuss the shared spiritual mandate to address hunger. The goal is to explore how faith-based institutions can help ensure food is a human right in Dane County

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- RSVP at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWypaLPdFQpfDEGYl-RzOaXrHCnr2XFkLFCROHmI9y8WIIUA/viewform>

- Harvest Gathering

- **Date:** September 27, 2025

- **Time:** 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

- **Location:** Yowela Farms in Stoughton

- **Details:** This will be a day of field tours, workshops, and community discussions, structured to cover different food sectors. It's a great opportunity to get a hands-on look at the local food system and provide input.

- RSVP at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IXvS-AkOSXzrcCiygOqGfBehhcXLvMs7fKjWp61NHP4/viewform?edit_requested=true

Next Steps

Continue to support the food plan by sharing the following surveys:

Consumer Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q27L2CL>

Farmer Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HR28CHY>

Subscribe to the newsletter here:

<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/community-food-systems/dane-county-food-action-plan/facplan-newsletters/>

- Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc - CORNELIUS

No report

- Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty; Community Gardens - Nicholas Leete via Guffey Calkins

No report

- 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

Upcoming educational events are listed on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website:
<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>.

DCFC Action Plan reports

- Policy - CHENOWETH

Efforts are being made to promote county agriculture leases to market growers. This includes developing a list of growers who might be interested in looking at these lease opportunities.

- Food Access and Equity (PIE) - Guffey Calkins, JANISCH, NENNIG

The PIE follow-up support emails were sent. Some organizations replied with more specific needs, and also expressed appreciation for the connections to various local food system networks.

- Community Engagement - WARNER

No report

- Organizational Capacity

No report

- Food System Resource Recommendations

No report

E. Announcements

None

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

9/17, 6pm

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

H. Adjourn

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

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