



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, October 22, 2025

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Lyman
Anderson building 5201 Fen Oak Dr; Meeting
Room Drumlin (A/B); attend virtually via Zoom

A. Call To Order

Vice Chair NENNIG called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

Present 6 - CARL CHENOWETH, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG, ERICA JANISCH,
SEBASTIAN HASSELL, ADDI FAERBER, and RICHELLE ANDRAE

Excused 3 - Chair BILL WARNER, DANIEL CORNELIUS, and KERRY MARREN

Others Present: Diya Chilukuri, Jess Guffey Calkins

Joined by Zoom: NENNIG, JANISCH, HASSELL, FAERBER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-342](#)

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2025, FOOD COUNCIL MEETING

Attachments: [2025 MIN-342](#)

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

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

D. Reports to Committee

Regular Business Reports

- Dane County Food Action Plan - Noah Bloedorn via WARNER, Guffey Calkins

After months of engaging with the community to gather insights, we have transitioned from the community engagement phase of the food plan to data, collection, analysis, and writing the final food plan document.

September event recap:

- September 27: Harvest Gathering at Yowela Farms. The Food Action Plan team was there to share our emerging themes and collect final input from attendees. REAP Food Group had the honor of emceeding the dinner, providing a platform for chefs and workshop leaders to share their perspectives on food policy and the issues they care about.

- September 26: Racial Justice Summit: Mutual Aid & Solidarity in Building a Resilient Food System. Food Action Plan team members facilitated a session for participants to explore how we can lessen our dependence on the market economy and build a food system grounded in mutual aid and solidarity. The session focused on developing grassroots recommendations for the food plan, centered on how we can feed each other in ways that celebrate our distinct humanity, enhance our health, and build community.

- Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc - CORNELIUS
No report

- Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty; Community Gardens - Nicholas Leete via Guffey Calkins
Community Gardens: The Community Garden Summit, a gathering of organizers and gardeners, will be held Feb 21 from 8:30 AM to mid-afternoon. Collaborative discussions and planning, food forests, fertilizers, and more! Save the date and tell nicholas@rootedwi.org if you want to lead a topic!

- Food Access; Double Dollars Program - Guffey Calkins
Discussion will be held under Council Discussion item

- Public Health Madison & Dane County; City of Madison Business Development - Nick Heckman via Guffey Calkins
PHMDC is working with partners at DHS to understand and communicate the potential impacts on WIC and SNAP if the government shutdown continues into November. At this time, WIC benefits are still anticipated to go out, while as of 10/21, DHS has indicated that SNAP benefits will not. This situation is rapidly evolving and subject to change.

WARNER joined at 6:15pm

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

Excused 2 - DANIEL CORNELIUS, and KERRY MARREN

- 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

The group will be looking at food producer survey results from the Food Action Plan. There won't be much to report back until the new year; may meet a couple times.

The County Executive will be forming a workgroup to look at county property and facility utilization. DCFC will inquire about engaging on that workgroup.

CORNELIUS joined at 6:32.

Present 8 - CARL CHENOWETH, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG, ERICA JANISCH, DANIEL CORNELIUS, SEBASTIAN HASSELL, ADDI FAERBER, and RICHELLE ANDRAE

Excused 1 - KERRY MARREN

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

The PIE team will schedule some meeting dates to update the 2026 PIE application.

- Community Engagement - WARNER

No report

- Organizational Capacity

No report

- Food System Resource Recommendations

No report

Council Discussion

- Double Dollars Program

A discussion was held about Double Dollars Program funding, including proposed cuts and proposed alternate funding sources.

E. Announcements

FAERBER - Primrose Valley Farm property is currently for sale for \$2 Million - just outside of Belleville, WI. It includes: certified organic land, an automated greenhouse, a post-harvesting facility with refrigeration. The owners are working with REAP to connect to the community. There are plans for an on-farm event to connect to the community during the week of November 17.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

There will be no November meeting, and the December meeting will be on 12/3/25.

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

H. Adjourn

A motion was made by CHENOWETH, seconded by FAERBER, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carries (8-0). The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

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