



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, April 24, 2025

5:30 PM Attend in person at 5201 Fen Oak Drive Driftless Room;
attend virtually via zoom.

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

This meeting will begin at 5:30 pm or when the Land Conservation Committee finishes their agenda items, whichever is later.

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 ntiv.

يجب التقدم بطلب خدمات الترجمة مقدماً. يرجى الاطلاع على أسفل جدول الأعمال للمزيد من المعلومات

The April 24, 2025 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 Land Conservation Committee will start at 5:15 pm. At 5:30 pm, a joint meeting of the Land Conservation Committee, Environment Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee, Lakes & Watersheds Commission and Park Commission will be held. Topics for the joint meeting are noted on the agenda.

The public can attend in person at 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Driftless Room.

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):

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zka6uQN4Sx2uSqkPMFXEww

This link will be active until the end of the meeting.

To join the meeting by phone, dial-in using one of the following toll-free phone numbers:

1-833-548-0276

1-833-548-0282

When prompted, enter the following Webinar ID: 935 9191 2672

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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: lwr@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 Committee Members Present: Hannah Machleidt

Youth Governance Committee Members Excused: Sofia Suazo

Others present: Alan Levin, Supervisor Engelberger, Supervisor Blazewicz, Dea Larson Converse, Supervisor McCarville, Supervisor Furman, Chin Wu, David Clutter, Phil Gaebler, Steve Greb, Supervisor Postler, Tom Thoresen, Kristie Goforth, Grace Moran, Nan Bogue, Supervisor Erickson, Supervisor Smith, Ronald Blumer, Matt Noone

Staff Present: Adam Alves, John Reimer, David Rowe, Amy Piaget, Joleen Stinson, Steve Ottelien, Kyle Minks, Sharene Smith, Aaron Collins, Amanda DePagter, Carrie Edgar, Laura Hicklin

Present: 4 - YOGESH CHAWLA, PATRICK DOWNING, STEVEN PETERS and KERRY MARREN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024
MIN-545](#)

Minutes of the March 13, 2025 Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Sponsors: Environment and Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Attachments: [EANR 03-13-25](#)

A motion was made by DOWNING that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0, YGP 1-0.

C. Fund Transfers

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2024
RES-356](#)

ESTABLISHING AND STRENGTHENING INTERDEPARTMENTAL COOPERATION AND EXPECTATIONS REGARDING THE FOREST AND TREE CANOPY ECOSYSTEMS AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN DANE COUNTY

Sponsors: RITT, POSTLER, BLAZEWICZ, ROSE and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2024 RES-356](#)
[FISCAL NOTE 2024 RES-356](#)

A motion was made by PETERS that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0, YGP 1-0.

2. [2024
RES-337](#) ACCEPTANCE OF A STATE OF WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS GRANT

Sponsors: CHAWLA, ROSE, SMITH, MARREN, RITT, BLAZEWICZ, FRIES, POSTLER,
ENGELBERGER and FURMAN

Attachments: [2024 RES-337](#)
[2024 RES-337 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by MARREN that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be
recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0, YGP 1-0.

3. [2024
RES-385](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF SARE GRANT AWARD TO INVESTIGATE
THE POTENTIAL OF WINTER CAMELINA TO MITIGATE NITROGEN
IMMOBILIZATION AND NITRATE LEACHING AS A COVER
CROP

Sponsors: YANG, POSTLER, FRIES and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2024 RES-385](#)
[2024 RES-385 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2024 RES-385 CONTRACT #15779](#)

A motion was made by DOWNING that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be
recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0, YGP 1-0.

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

F. Presentations

1. Transient Non-Community Well Monitoring at Dane County Parks (joint item)

[2025
PRES-010](#) Transient Non-Community Well Monitoring at Dane County Parks

Attachments: [Transient Non-Community Well Monitoring at Dane County Parks](#)
[Dane County Parks Monitoring Guidance Manual Draft April 2025](#)

*John Reimer presented monitoring guidance for non-community well monitoring at
Dane County Parks.*

G. Reports to Committee

1. Yahara Lakes Management Report (joint item)

[2025
RPT-027](#)

Yahara Lakes Management Report

Attachments: [Yahara Lakes Management Report](#)

John Reimer reported on water level management of the Yahara Lakes.

2. Gathering public input on Dane County Ch. 71 - Regulation of Icebound Inland Waters (joint item)

Kyle Minks reported that the Land & Water Resources Department will take the lead on sharing information and collecting public input on Chapter 71: Regulation of Icebound Inland Waters, Dane County Code of Ordinances. A website will be developed and public comment collected beginning in June. A public information session, which will include an opportunity for public comment, will be scheduled for the summer. The Lakes & Watershed Commission and the Public Protection & Judiciary Committee may consider amendments to the ordinance in response to public comment and public safety officials.

3. Annual Report on Park Commission Activities

Tom Thoresen, Chair of the Dane County Park Commission, gave a verbal report on Park Commission activities and distributed a handout.

[2025
RPT-029](#)

Handout from Park Commission Chair Thoresen

Attachments: [Handout from Park Commission Chair Thoresen](#)

4. Annual Report on Lakes & Watershed Commission Activities

Kyle Minks, staff to the Lakes & Watershed Commission, gave a verbal report on Lakes & Watershed Commission activities.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. April 30th Open House for the draft 2025 – 2030 Dane County Parks & Open Space Plan

2. The next regularly scheduled Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee meeting will be May 8th or at the call of the Chair.

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

K. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

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

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