



Dane County

Minutes - Final-revised

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?

Thursday, September 26, 2019

5:30 PM

Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center
5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room A/B
Madison WI 53718

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A. Call To Order

Present: 3 - YOGESH CHAWLA, PATRICK DOWNING and MICHELE RITT

Excused: 2 - NIKOLE JONES and JEREMY LEVIN

Youth Governance Members Present: Lamees Elhassan, Josh Jerisha

Staff Present: Micah Kloppenburg, Laura Hicklin, Kyle Minks, Susan Sandford

Others Present: Supervisor Carl Chenoweth, Dea Larsen Converse, Kyle Richmond, John Steines, Dan Bussey, John Sorenson, Jayden Wood, Nastarria Bailey, Jenny Li

Chair Ritt called the meeting to order at 5:47 pm

B. Presentations

1. Certificates of Recognition to Participants in the Youth Environmental Leadership Experience and LWRD Intern Programs

Chair RITT presented certificates of recognition to participants in the Youth Environmental Leadership Experience and LWRD Intern Programs. Jayden Wood, Nastarria Bailey, and Jenny Li were present to accept their certificates. Two video blogs created by the students were viewed. Links to the video blogs can be found at this internet address:

<https://lwrd.countyofdane.com/Youth-Environmental-Leadership-Experience>.

2. Activities and Accomplishments by the Friends of Silverwood County Park

President of Friends of Silverwood, Kyle Richmond, along with friends members John Steines and Dan Bussey, gave an overview of accomplishments and plans for Silverwood County Park, including the plan to plant a heirloom orchard.

C. Consideration of Minutes

[2019
MIN-187](#) EANR MINUTES_8-22-19

Attachments: [2019 MIN-187 EANR Minutes_8-22-19.pdf](#)

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by CHAWLA, that the minutes of the August 22, 2019 meeting be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 3/0, YGP 2/0

D. Fund Transfers - None

E. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2019
RES-205](#) REVIEW OF COUNTY DEPARTMENT EQUITY PLANS

Sponsors: STUBBS, AUDET, BAYRD, BUCKINGHAM, CHAWLA, DANNER, DeGARMO, DOWNING, DOYLE, EICHER, ERICKSON, KIEFER, KILMER, KNOLL, KRAUSE, MILES, NELSON, NGUYEN-HILFIGER, PETERS, RATCLIFF, RITT, RUSK, SALOV, SCHAUER, SCHWELLENBACH, VELDRAN, WEGLEITNER and YOUNG

Attachments: [2019 RES-205](#)

A motion was made by CHAWLA, seconded by DOWNING, that the resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 3/0, YGP: 2/0

2. [2019
RES-236](#) AUTHORIZING LEASE WITH USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY AT LYMAN ANDERSON AGRICULTURAL & CONSERVATION CENTER

Sponsors: RITT, CHAWLA, DOWNING, JONES, LEVIN and VELDRAN

Attachments: [2019 RES-236](#)

[2019 RES-236 Fiscal Note](#)

[2019 RES-236 CONTRACT #6602F](#)

[2019 RES-236 CONTRACT #13808](#)

[2019 RES-236 CONTRACT #13808A](#)

A motion was made by CHAWLA, seconded by DOWNING, that the resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 3/0, YGP: 2/0

3. [2019 RES-258](#) AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR 2020 STATE OF WISCONSIN DNR URBAN FORESTRY GRANTS

Sponsors: RITT, CHAWLA, DOWNING and JONES

Attachments: [2019 RES-258](#)
[2019 RES-258 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by CHAWLA, seconded by DOWNING, that the resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 3/0, YGP: 2/0

4. [2019 RES-267](#) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND FOR INDIAN LAKE COUNTY PARK AND ICE AGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

Sponsors: RIPP, EICHER and JONES

Attachments: [2019 RES-267](#)
[2019 RES-267 Fiscal Note](#)
[2019 RES-267 MAP Wright Parcel Overview](#)
[2019 RES-267 MAP Wright Parcel Subject](#)

A motion was made by CHAWLA, seconded by DOWNING, that the resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 3/0, YGP: 2/0

5. [2019 RES-268](#) AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED LEASE WITH MAYSA AT BADGER PRAIRIE COUNTY PARK

Sponsors: RIPP and EICHER

Attachments: [2019 RES-268](#)
[2019 RES-268 Fiscal Note](#)
[2019 RES-268 CONTRACT #5743B](#)

A motion was made by CHAWLA, seconded by RITT, that the resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 3/0, YGP: 2/0

6. [2019 RES-270](#) CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR THE NUTRIENT CONCENTRATION SYSTEM

Sponsors: RITT, CHAWLA, CORRIGAN and JONES

Attachments: [2019 RES-270](#)
[2019 RES-270 Fiscal Note](#)
[2019 RES-270 Background Information](#)
[2019 RES-270 CONTRACT #12799C](#)

Dea Larsen Converse with the Clean Lakes Alliance spoke in support.

Supervisor Chenoweth asked for additional information on the need for the contract amendment and obligations of the vendor under the existing contract. Laura Hicklin and Kyle Minks, staff of the Land & Water Resources Department, along with vendor representative John Sorenson, addressed Supervisor Chenoweth's questions. Specifically, Hicklin shared that the contract amendment is necessary to remove solids that are leaving the manure digester before they reach the nutrient concentration system. The solids leaving the digester exceed the volumes that were anticipated at the time of system design. The nutrient concentration system is based on an agreed centrate containing 1.5% total suspended solids or less. Per the contract, the cost for installation of any expanded system to handle manure waste volumes in excess of this assumption will be done at additional expense to the County.

The Committee stated their expectation that no further cost increases would be requested and that the system would be operational in the near future.

A motion was made by CHAWLA, seconded by RITT, that the resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 3/0, YGP: 2/0

F. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

G. Reports to Committee - None

H. Announcements

None

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

October 10, 2019 at 5 pm, Lyman F Anderson Agriculture & Conservation Center

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by **DOWNING**, seconded by **CHAWLA**, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 3/0, YGP: 2/0

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Hicklin. Minutes are subject to committee approval.