



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Food Council Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty Work Group

*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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Friday, October 21, 2022

12:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for  
instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by  
phone.

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 2 - Chair SHEENA TESCH, and NICHOLAS LEETE

**Excused** 1 - NAN FEY

*Others present: Erin Barnes Lowe, Anna Landmark, Regina Vidaver, Rebecca Kemble,  
Phil Kauth, Laura Scandurra, Susan Hessel, Austin Keller, Owen Shao*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#)  
[MIN-341](#)

9.16.2022 MINUTES FOOD COUNCIL RAF

**Attachments:** [2022 MIN-341](#)

A motion was made by TESCH, seconded by LEETE, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 2-0.

#### C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

## D. Discussion Items

1. *Local market development*
  - a. *Produce Safety - Anna Landmark at REAP hopes to develop these programs to support farmers and learn what will work for farmers*
  - b. *Wholesaleready.org - Anna Landmark at REAP*
    - i. *Self assessment for farmers who are interested in selling wholesale*
    - ii. *What institutions are interested in buying*
    - iii. *In process of onboarding small group of farmers to pilot the website - invitation only at this point. New farmers will be interviewed to see if REAP can support*
    - iv. *Financial Bootcamps - partner with Food Finance Institute*
      1. *Two 2 day sessions open to 10 farmers*
      2. *Presentation of business plan*
      3. *Access to FFI consultants for long term timeframe*
      4. *Jan 18-19 and Feb 15-16 and then fall 2023*
      5. *Have grant funding to cover 20 farmers*
    - v. *How does REAP scale this and financially support*
      1. *Grant funded vs fee for use*
      2. *USDA funding for supporting historically under-represented groups*
      3. *REAP will be collecting demographic farm data for the Farm Fresh Atlas; Dr. Gaddis is doing this work as well for WI Idea Grant*
    - vi. *Geographic focus right now is south central Wisconsin*
      1. *Want to have farmers able to serve Madison institutions*
    - vii. *Institutional focus is on MMSD, Madison College, Sauk Prairie Health and several other school districts in Dane County. Would like 10-15 institutions.*
    - viii. *Not all require GAP certification. Schools are reliant on GAP. But all are interested in some aspects of food safety.*
  2. *Land for cultivation*
  3. *Farmland Preservation*
    - a. *First meeting next week 10/26 at 3 PM*
    - b. *Organizational Meeting and scope of Farmland Preservation Task Force*
    - c. *Going through procedures, meeting schedule, and officers*
    - d. *Public is welcome, but please register*
    - e. *From the county: can we have a list of private farmland that is for sale*
      - i. *Does the county keep track of this?*
      - ii. *Propertydrive.com is a site to use*

## E. Announcements

1. *Fitchburg is doing a 16 acre ag park*
2. *Listening session Nov 10th 5:30 PM; Fitchburg City Hall*
3. *Focus will be community gardens, edible landscaping*
4. *Rooted is involved in the process*

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*Next meeting: Nov 11, 2022 12:00-1:30*

## G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

## H. Adjourn

A motion was made by LEETE, seconded by TESCH, that the MEETING be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 2-0.

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