



# 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?*

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Wednesday, April 26, 2023

5:30 PM

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

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

#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 9 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, Vice Chair SHEENA TESCH, Chair BILL WARNER,  
MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL, DANIEL CORNELIUS, SHIRLEY NENNIG, ABHA  
THAKKAR, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, and ERICA JANISCH

*OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins, Allison Lindsey*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#) 3.22.2023 FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES  
[MIN-049](#)

Attachments: [2023 MIN-049](#)

A motion was made by RITT, seconded by NENNIG, that the Minutes be approved.  
The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

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

*CORNELIUS joined at 5:39.*

#### D. Action Items

*DCFC Letter of Support for USDA RFSP application*

*A brief discussion was held about this letter.*

[2023](#)  
[RPT-076](#)

DCFC PARTNERING ORGANIZATION LETTER 2023 RFSP

**Attachments:** [2023 RPT-076](#)

*JANISCH joined at 5:41.*

**A motion was made by CATON CAMPBELL, seconded by TESCH, that the Report be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0-1. THAKKAR abstains.**

## E. Reports to Committee

### *Regular Business Reports*

#### *- Food Plan – CATON CAMPBELL*

*Food Plan group has been meeting to finalize the USDA Regional Food System Partnership grant application (due May 2).*

#### *- Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty – TESCH, CATON CAMPBELL*

*City of Madison Farmland Preservation Task Force will be submitting report to Madison Common Council in May.*

#### *- Double Dollars – Guffey Calkins*

*The team is applying for a 2023 federal nutrition incentive support grant (called GusNIP).*

#### *- Community Gardens – Nicholas Leete via TESCH*

*A National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) grant will fund water system upgrades for some gardens (changing away from hydrants); will decrease water costs.*

*ANDRAE joined at 5:48.*

#### *- Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future - Community of Learning Practice –*

*TESCH*

*In-person meeting in Mississippi this weekend*

### *Staff Reports*

#### *- City of Madison*

*No report*

#### *- Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman via Guffey Calkins*

*Public Health Emergency will end on May 11, and COVID-19 data will likely change to reflect that. PHMDC Data Dashboard will be pared down and updated only once per week beginning May 18.*

*Public comments are open on a proposed rule change for expansions to Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for school meals. The rule change would lower the threshold of identified students needed to qualify for CEP from 40% to 25%.*

*<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/03/23/2023-05624/child-nutrition-program-s-community-eligibility-provision-increasing-options-for-schools>*

#### *- Dane County/Extension – Guffey Calkins*

*Upcoming food systems educational events on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website (<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>) include: the Dane County Master Gardener Plant Sale will be Sunday, May 21 from 11am-3pm.*

### *Council Discussion*

#### *- Pandemic Food System Study*

*A discussion was held regarding the Dane County Pandemic Food System Study Report presented last month, and how to move forward with some of the report's recommendations.*

*THAKKAR left 6:45.*

#### *- 2024 Budget Planning process*

*This was covered in the previous discussion.*

*- 2023 PIE Food Project grant process – NENNIG, JANISCH, RITT  
Awardee information is not yet available.*

*- Project Teams  
No discussion*

## **F. Announcements**

*CORNELIUS shared that there will be a ticketed event at 7 Acre Dairy Creamery on June 24 with local food, local chefs.*

## **G. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*Next meetings: 5/24, 6/21 (new June meeting date)  
July: either 7/19, 7/26 or skip*

## **H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

## **I. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by JANISCH, seconded by NENNIG, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 8-0.**

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