



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Henry Vilas Zoo Commission

*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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Tuesday, July 11, 2023

7:30 AM

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#### A. Call To Order

A motion was made by ROSS that the Zoo Commission meeting be called to order. The motion carried unanimously.

**Present** 6 - TAG EVERS, JEFFREY GUNDERSON, SARAH JUSTUS, MICHAEL PETERSEN, ANNE ROSS, and Supervisor CECELY CASTILLO

**Excused** 1 - JASMINE BANKS

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#)

[MIN-181](#)

**Attachments:** [2023 MIN-181](#)

A motion was made by JUSTUS, seconded by CASTILLO, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### C. Action Items

None

#### D. Presentations

None

**E. Reports to Committee**

*Sarah Justus led a discussion on how the committee would like to look at financial numbers going forward. Discussion ensued.*

*Ronda Schwetz went over staffing update. DEAI update - the Zoo had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new North American prairie signage. Members of the Ho-Chunk community were invited and the new signage incorporates Ho-Chunk language. The Zoo's drag show was very successful. It was sold out. The Zoo is having staff take a dementia training so we can better assist guests dealing with symptoms of dementia. Animal updates - the Zoo recently received 3 new baby goats that will join the goats in our red barn once they clear quarantine. We also have several turkeys in quarantine that will join the bison in the prairie exhibit. A hoof specialist is coming in to look at our giraffe's hooves and work with staff on a maintenance plan. We are working with AZA to bring in more meerkat sometime in the future. Conservation update - this year's zoo run will benefit the Wildlife Ranger Challenge, which helps rangers in Africa. Discussion ensued.*

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*The next meeting will take place on September 19, 2023.*

**G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

*None*

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

*None*

**I. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by ROSS, seconded by JUSTUS, that the Zoo Commission be adjourned at 9:04am. The motion carried unanimously.**

*Respectfully submitted by Kristin Moala, pending approval from the Zoo Commission.*