



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?

Thursday, May 23, 2019

5:30 PM

Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center
5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room 121
Madison WI 53718

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A. Call To Order

Present: 5 - PATRICK DOWNING, NIKOLE JONES, MICHELE RITT, YOGESH CHAWLA and
JEREMY LEVIN

Youth Governance Members Excused: Alana Yevzlin, Angela Moreno-Lopez

Staff Present: Laura Hicklin

Others Present: Dea Larson-Converse, Mark Opitz (City of Middleton), Richard Hinrichs

Meeting called to order by Chair RITT at 5:30 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#)
[MIN-049](#) EANR MINUTES_5-9-19

Attachments: [2019 MIN-049_EANR Minutes_5-9-19.pdf](#)
[2019 MIN-049 Registration before Co Committee 5-9-19.pdf](#)

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by JONES, that the minutes of May 9, 2019 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2018
RES-651](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FROM THE US
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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

Attachments: [2018 RES-651 USDA Univ MN Grant](#)
[2018 RES-651 Fiscal Note](#)
[2018 RES-651 CONTRACT #13699](#)

A motion was made by CHAWLA, seconded by LEVIN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0

Supervisor JONES left at 5:15 pm.

Present: 4 - PATRICK DOWNING, MICHELE RITT, YOGESH CHAWLA and JEREMY LEVIN

Excused: 1 - NIKOLE JONES

2. [2019
RES-044](#) AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR PHEASANT BRANCH
CONSERVANCY

Sponsors: CORRIGAN, BAYRD, CHAWLA, MCCARVILLE, MILES, RIPP, RUSK, SALOV and STUBBS

Attachments: [2019 RES-044 Acker Middleton Farms Acquisition](#)
[2019 RES-044 Fiscal Note](#)
[SUB 1 TO 2019 RES-044](#)
[2019 RES-044 MAP Overview Acker](#)
[2019 RES-044 Subject MAP Acker](#)

Dea Larson-Converse, representing Clean Lakes Alliance, spoke in favor of the proposed purchase and distributed a letter of support. Mark Opitz spoke with a neutral position on the proposed purchase, asked that the words "North Branch of" be deleted from Line 13, and shared information regarding development plans for the area by the City of Middleton, including a proposed four-lane boulevard that would have run through the proposed purchase if it were developed, and plans for a paved bicycle and pedestrian trail through the property. Hicklin distributed a map showing land sales in the vicinity.

A motion was made by CHAWLA, seconded by LEVIN to recommend approval.

A motion was made by LEVIN, seconded by DOWNING to amend the resolution by deleting the words "North Branch of" from line 13. The motion carried by a voice vote: 4/0.

Motion by DOWNING to delete lines 44-46 of the resolution. Motion did not receive a second.

The Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote was recommended for approval as amended. The motion carried by a voice vote: 4/0

[2019](#)
[COM-001](#)

PHEASANT BRANCH PURCHASE DISCUSSION

Attachments: [2019 COM-001 CLA Comment on Pheasant Branch Purchase.pdf](#)

[2019 COM-001 Acker Comparables.pdf](#)

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations - None

G. Reports to Committee - None

H. Announcements

none

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be June 13th at 5 pm or at the call of the chair.

Supervisor LEVIN requested an overview of the Black Earth Creek project area at the next meeting.

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Richard Hinrichs spoke to the committee and asked for help to address flooding of his property along Highway 14 in the Town of Middleton.

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: 4/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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