



# 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?*

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Thursday, May 28, 2020

5:00 PM

Remote Meeting: Call 1-866-899-4679

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present:** 6 - YOGESH CHAWLA, JEREMY LEVIN, MICHELE RITT, ANTHONY GRAY, HOLLY HATCHER and KATE MCGINNITY

*Youth Governance Members Excused: Lamees Elhassan, Josh Jerisha*

*Staff Present: Laura Hicklin, Kyle Minks, Amy Piaget, John Reimer*

*Other Present: Tamara Knickmeier from Lake Waubesa Conservation Assoc., Jeff Olsen*

*Meeting called to order by Chair RITT at 5 pm.*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#) EANR MINUTES\_5-14-20  
[MIN-028](#)

**Attachments:** [2020 MIN-028](#)

A motion was made by LEVIN, seconded by CHAWLA, that the minutes of May 14, 2020 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 6/0

#### C. Fund Transfers - None

#### D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2020  
RES-064](#) AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT -  
SPIEGELHOFF

**Sponsors:** RITT, ERICKSON, GRAY and RIPP

**Attachments:** [2020 RES-064](#)  
[2020 RES-064 Fiscal Note](#)  
[2020 RES-064 Area Map Spiegelhoff](#)  
[2020 RES-064 Site Map Spiegelhoff](#)

A motion was made by LEVIN, seconded by CHAWLA, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 6/0

## E. Items Requiring Committee Action

### Coronavirus Relief Fund – EANR Priorities

*RITT asked for priorities from EANR members in regards to expenditure of Coronavirus Relief Fund. The committee briefly touched on the following concepts for consideration:*

- 1. Support of local farmers, including community supported agriculture and dairy producers*
- 2. Creating dairy pasteurization options for local dairy*
- 3. Increasing cold storage space for local food*
- 4. Adding amenities such as touchless faucets, toilets and water fountains at Dane County Parks where they are not already in place*
- 5. Providing financial assistance to small business and minority-owned businesses*

## F. Presentations - None

## G. Reports to Committee

### Lakes Management Quarterly Report - John Reimer

*John Reimer gave the lakes management quarterly report.*

*Tamara Knickmeier, representing the Lake Waubesa Conservation Association, spoke in support of efforts to manage lake levels within approved ranges and in support of allowing staff to have flexibility on how to stay within the range.*

*Jeff Olsen spoke in support of efforts to manage lake levels and expressed concern that Lake Mendota is too low when it is at the bottom of the range.*

[2020](#)  
[RPT-047](#)

LAKE MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT\_5-28-20

Attachments: [2020 RPT-047](#)

## H. Announcements

*none*

## I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*The next meeting will be June 11th at 5 pm or at the call of the chair.*

## 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 LEVIN, seconded by CHAWLA, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 6/0**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.*

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