



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Environmental Council

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

3:00 PM

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

A. Call To Order

Present 7 - THOMAS EGGERT, Chair NATALIE EISNER, Supervisor JULIE
SCHWELLENBACH, LAKSHMI SRIDHARAN, Vice Chair PETER SEEL, JOSHUA
KNACKERT, and Supervisor PHILLIP GRUPE

Others Present: Susan Sanford, Christal Campbell, Carrie Edgar and Chip Thompson

*Vice Chair Seel called the meeting to order and welcomed new member, Phil Grupe, who
provided a self-introduction.*

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020
MIN-483](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL MINUTES 10.FEB.2021.pdf

Attachments: [2020 MIN-483](#)

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

C. Presentations

*Plant Dane. Susan Sanford and Christal Campbell from Dane County Land and Water
Resource Dept. presented on the native plants school and community garden program
that provides free plants and volunteers. EGGERT suggested adding a link to Plant Dane
on the Environmental Council's website. Discussion was held regarding how/if the
Environmental Council pollinator garden program and this program might partner or
complement each other.*

[2020
PRES-177](#)

Plant Dane March 2021

Attachments: [2020 PRES-177](#)

A motion was made by SEEL, seconded by SCHWELLENBACH, that staff develop and present a proposal for combining the programs at the April meeting. The motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

D. Reports to Committee

Grant Program Committee progress. EGGERT shared that the group met once and that there was general agreement that the conversation should continue. KNACKERT shared there does seem to be alignment of the goals of the programs and timing of the grant programs seems to be the biggest hurdle. Discussion held regarding the timeline for this year.

A motion was made by EISNER, seconded by SEEL, that the grant program open on June 1, with an August 1 application deadline, and have commitments made by Oct. 1, 2021. The motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

EGGERT requested that a postcard be sent in early May reminding people that the applications can be found online and the due date for June 1.

E. Discussion Items

Shared Google folder — Edgar has sent an invite to all members to the shared Google folder and asked that members let her know if they have any difficulty accessing the folder.

F. Announcements

None.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

April 14th: Plan the May planting day at Prairie Heritage Trail prairies and review proposal for combining the school/community pollinator garden programs.

Continue to meet on 2nd Wed of each month at 3 pm.

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Introductions made by all members to GRUPE.

J. Adjourn

A motion was made by EISNER, seconded by SRIDHARAN, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried 7-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carrie Edgar, pending council approval.

[2020](#)
[RPT-837](#)

Registration Report 10.MAR.2021

Attachments: [2020 RPT-837](#)