



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the
Heritage Center, Upper Level, 3101 Lake Farm Rd,
Madison; attend virtually via Zoom

A. Call To Order

Chair Thoresen called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Sharene Smith, Alex DeSmidt, Laura Hicklin.

Youth Governance Program Member Aleena Sanghvan present.

Others Present: Alanna Poindexter.

Present: 4 - STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, TOM THORESEN and DON
POSTLER

Excused: 3 - NANCY BOGUE, GRACE MORAN and KRISTIE GOFORTH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#)
[MIN-264](#)

Minutes of the September 25, 2024 Park Commission

Attachments: [2024 MIN-264 PC Minutes 09-25-24](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0, YGP 1-0.

Chair Thoresen requested to move the Presentation up on the agenda. There was unanimous consent by Park Commission members.

E. Presentations

1. Conservation Fund Grant Application from the Driftless Area Land Conservancy for the Kernan parcel in the Southwest Grasslands

Stephanie Judge, the Conservation Director for the Driftless Area Land Conservancy, gave an overview of the Driftless Area Land Conservancy's work. The Driftless Area Land Conservancy is working to acquire an 80 acre property in the Town of Primrose. If acquired, the property will be actively managed for wildlife habitat and public access. The Driftless Area Land Conservancy is requesting a Dane County Conservation Fund Grant for 50% of the acquisition costs, approximately \$460,000.

[2024 RPT-367](#)

Driftless Area Land Conservancy Kernen Grassland Presentation

Attachments: [DALC Kernen 11-13-2024](#)

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

- 1. [2024 RES-175](#) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF VERONA FOR THE SUGAR RIVER WILDLIFE AREA

Sponsors: KEMP, FRIES, BLAZEWICZ, RITT, POSTLER and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2024 RES-175](#)
[2024 RES-175 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2024 RES-175 SUBJECT MAP](#)
[2024 RES-175 AREA MAP](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **EICHER**, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0, YPG 1-0.

- 2. [2024 RES-178](#) AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF WESTPORT

Sponsors: CHAWLA, KRONING, RYLANDER, RITT, BLAZEWICZ, POSTLER and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2024 RES-178](#)
[2024 RES-178 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2024 RES-178 SUBJECT MAP](#)
[2024 RES-178 AREA MAP](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **EICHER**, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0, YPG 1-0.

- 3. [2024 RES-185](#) AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION OF THE MENDOTA COUNTY PARK REDEVELOPMENT

Sponsors: ENGELBERGER, POSTLER and FRIES

Attachments: [2024 RES-185](#)
[2024 RES-185 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2024 RES-185 CONTRACT #15636](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **EICHER**, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote.

4. [2024 RES-187](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LEUTTEN CREEK SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE ON REIN FARM-STOUGHTON, WI

Sponsors: ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2024 RES-187](#)
[2024 RES-187 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2024 RES-187 CONTRACT #15635](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BROUWER, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0, YPG 1-0.

5. [2024 RES-189](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LEUTTEN CREEK SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE ON SKAALLEN FARMS-STOUGHTON, WI

Sponsors: ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2024 RES-189](#)
[2024 RES-189 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2024 RES-189 CONTRACT #15638](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by EICHER, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0, YPG 1-0.

6. [2024 RES-190](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LANGER PARK SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE-MARSHALL, WI

Sponsors: ENGELBERGER and WEIGAND

Attachments: [2024 RES-190](#)
[2024 RES-190 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2024 RES-190 CONTRACT #15637](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BROUWER, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0, YPG 1-0.

7. [2024 RES-204](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT RESTORATION ON DANE COUNTY PARKLAND

Sponsors: CHAWLA, ROSE, FRIES, POSTLER and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2024 RES-204](#)
[2024 RES-204 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BROUWER, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0, YPG 1-0.

D. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Reports to Committee

1. Land and Water Resource Department 2025 Budget Summary

Laura Hicklin gave an overview of the Land & Water Resources Department 2025 operating budget changes and 2025 capital budget.

[2024
RPT-372](#)

2025 Land & Water Resources Department Budget Summary

Attachments: [2025 LWRD Budget Summary](#)

2. Demolition of Former Highway Garage and Salt Storage Building at 2520 County Rd B, Stoughton

2024 RES-177 awards a contract for the demolition of a former Dane County Highway and Transportation garage just north of Viking County Park, at the corner of Co Rd N and Co Rd B in Stoughton. LWRD is currently discussing a possible land swap with the Highway and Transportation for this parcel.

3. Walking Iron Trail - Great Sauk State Trail Update

Two resolutions were recently approved related to the Walking Iron Trail: 2024 RES-170 awards an agreement to MSA Professional Services for Walking Iron Trail construction administration services. 2024 RES-176 amends the intergovernmental agreement with Sauk County and the Village of Sauk City for trail to reflect updated TAP grant funding amounts.

The first part of the Walking Iron Trail - Great Sauk State Trail project is currently out for bid; bids are due November 19, 2024. Sauk City will be approving the construction contract for the main Wisconsin River span bridge on November 26, 2024. Dane County will enter into a construction contract for the historic railroad bridge (B428E) rehabilitation and a small trail segment between the two bridges. We anticipate that Public Works will introduce the authorizing resolution on November 21, 2024 with final County Board approval December 19, 2024.

4. International Trail Summit in Madison, April 12-18, 2025

The International Trail Summit (ITS) is coming to Madison next spring, April 15-17, 2025. ITS is a joint event hosted by American Trails and the Professional Trail Builders Association. They are expecting over 700 attendees from all over the world. Optional pre and post-conference workshops provide technical training in a hands-on small group learning setting. Field trips provide opportunity to explore the area's trails and beauty. The conference's off-site day will be held at Babcock County Park.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- 1. Wednesday, December 11, 2024
Heritage Center, Upper Level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
- 2. 2025 Park Commission Meeting Schedule

[2024](#) TENTATIVE 2025 Park Commission Meeting Schedule
[RPT-357](#)

Attachments: [TENTATIVE 2025 PC Meeting Schedule](#)

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - None

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

J. Closed Session

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BROUWER, that the Meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: YGP Sanghvan

Ayes: 4 - Vice Chair BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER, Chair THORESEN and Supervisor POSTLER

Excused: 3 - BOGUE, MORAN and Second Vice Chair GOFORTH

The Commission (or Committee) met in closed session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing or acquiring of property where open discussion of bargaining positions and strategies would discourage bargaining and harm the public's interest in obtaining properties. The authority for this possible closed session is Wis.Stat.19.85(1) (e).

K. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by EICHER, that the Meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: YGP Sanghvan

Ayes: 4 - Vice Chair BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER, Chair THORESEN and Supervisor POSTLER

Excused: 3 - BOGUE, MORAN and Second Vice Chair GOFORTH

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by EICHER, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0, YGP 1-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:11 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joleen Stinson, pending Park Commission approval.