



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Environmental Council

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Tuesday, August 9, 2016

5:30 PM Room C, Fen Oak Resource Center, 5201 Fen Oak Drive,  
Madison

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 4 - Supervisor PATRICK DOWNING, SHELLY ALLNESS, Chair STEVEN FALTER,  
and JEFFREY SOELLNER

Falter called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Member Lakshmi Sridharan was present and member Alix Jacoboson was excused. Others present included staff, Mindy Habecker and Supervisor Nikki Jones.

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

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#### C. Action Items

Private Fundraising

Habecker distributed talking points, letter, and draft list. She reviewed past practices and the talking points. Fall would be a good time to begin this effort. May wish to included the press release of full 2016 awarded grants. The fundraising effort will be in two parts, one low and one higher intensity. The lower intensity groups will just receive a request letter to be mailed to the group with a generic Attn: Director of Community Outreach and Charitable Giving. The intensive track will be mailed to particular people within the organization that sit in that Director role. The mailing will be proceeded either by a visit to that organization or a phone call to that person. Council members will go through the contact list and let Habecker know who they are willing to make the contacts for. Habecker will send out an updated listing to all members after she receives additional contacts generated at this meeting. All organizations that no one is willing to directly contact will fall into the mail only group.

*Downing moved that both grant programs should be mentioned in the letter with selected examples of each. Additionally a goal of \$25,000-\$30,000 should be included along with mention of the county's providing approximately \$15, 000 for the grant programs. Finally a quote from an organization should be included in the letter stating the impact of the funding for the organization. The motion was seconded by Allness and unanimously approved.*

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#### Selection of Regular Meeting Place and Time

The Council decided that the next meeting will be held on Friday, September 23 at 2pm. Meeting to be held at the UW Arboretum and then travel from there for the field review. There will be no meeting in October and then the meetings will be regularly held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5 pm. They will alternate in location between the City County Bld and Fen Oak Resource Center. Future meeting dates will be Wed, November 16th in room 357 City County Blding and then Wed, December 21 at Fen Oak Resource Center.

#### **D. Presentations**

##### Announcements

Habecker shared grant reports that have been submitted. All of them are also on the Council's website. Falter announced that Capitol Water Trails will be hosting a workday on Saturday August 13th in Paoli. See their website for details.

##### Update on Pollinator Protection Work

Habecker reminded Council that they received \$5000 from the Dane County Farm Technology Days grant. The Pollinator Protection work group met to draft a shortened work plan for utilizing these funds. The shortened plan focuses on developing educational outreach materials. To prepare for this Habecker met with a technical group to develop materials and material needs, pictures, message points that could be used for multiple purposes. This group consisted of several members from the original Pollinator Task Force. They will be the initial drafters of the materials. The work group will review them.

Additionally, the work group developed a \$12,500 County budget request for the balance of the requested grant funding. This was submitted to both the Executive's Office and the Environment, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Committee (EANR).

Downing, Chair of EANR, is willing to put this budget request on the EANR agenda for Thursday, August 25th at 5:30 pm. Steve Falter will attend the meeting to provide any clarification or explanation regarding this request.

Summer Field Review of Grants

Falter stated that Madison Children's Museum has a major fundraising event the day we had originally requested to visit them. Thus a new date is needed. Friday September 23rd at 2pm is the revised date selected by the Council. This meeting will be held at the UW Arboretum and will travel from there.

**E. Reports to Committee - none**

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm*

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 23rd at 2pm for the annual field review of grants. The Council will be meeting at the UW Arboretum. Agenda items: private fundraising, pollinator update. Will need about an hour of meeting time for Council business prior to the tour of grant projects.

**G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda none**

**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - none**

**I. Adjourn**

This was adjourned

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