



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Environmental Council

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Wednesday, January 18, 2017

5:00 PM Fen Oak Resource Center, 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Room C

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 4 - PATRICK DOWNING, Chair STEVEN FALTER, JEFFREY SOELLNER, and Vice  
Chair ALIXANDRA JACOBSON

**Absent** 3 - SHELLY ALLNESS, LAKSHMI SRIDHARAN, and NIKOLE JONES

Falter called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Habecker was also present.

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

**This was adopted as amended**

Minutes were amended to reflect that Supervisor Downing arrived at 5:35 and was absent for both the votes on the minutes and on the Pollinator Protection decision.

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#### C. Action Items

Pollinator Protection

Progress on the Pollinator Protection work was reviewed. During the meeting Council members reviewed potential displays that Chair Falter brought. One will be reused for this purpose and two additional ones of a similar size will be purchased with the Dane County Farm Technology grant funds. Both Falter and Habecker will look for potential suppliers and bring estimates so that the Council can make a decision at their February meeting. Habecker shared a drafted progress report that was revised and will be used to share with the Dane County Farm Technology Board (grant provider) and others with interest in the project progress.

2017 Grant Process

The 2017 grants have been sent out and questions are coming in regarding proposals. The Council will use Dropbox to electronically access the applications on March 2, 2017. Habecker and Soellner will prepare this for Council members. Habecker will check on several March dates for the grant review meeting. Planning that this review meeting will take no more than two hours. No applications have been submitted yet.

#### **D. Presentations**

##### Announcements

Habecker announced that the Madison Area Woodland Owners Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 25th and passed out brochures for Council members. She also shared grant reports that have come in. She has called all 2016 grant recipients to remind them of the report requirements. Habecker also reported that she will be traveling to Ghana for approximately 2 weeks to do organizational development work and teaching for a rural farm cooperative for about 85 farmers.

Both Soellner and Falter have requested to the County Executive's Office to have their terms on the Council renewed.

##### Private Fundraising

No action done since last meeting on this by Council members present.

#### **E. Reports to Committee - none**

#### **F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th at 5:00 p.m. in Room 351 of the City County Building. Agenda items will include same items as the January agenda.

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

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

#### **I. Adjourn**

This was adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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