



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Lakes & Watershed Commission

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Thursday, June 8, 2017

5:00 PM

Lyman Anderson Agriculture Center  
5201 Fen Oak Drive - Rm A/B  
Madison WI 53718

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5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room A/B

#### A. Call To Order

**Present:** 6 - PAM PORTER, REBECCA POWER, CHUCK ERICKSON, MARY KOLAR, LYLE UPDIKE and DAVE RIPP

**Excused:** 3 - SUSAN WEST, MAUREEN McCARVILLE and MARIA MORENO

**Absent:** 1 - MICHAEL GERNER

*Staff Present: Amy Callis, Kevin Connors, Laura Hicklin, Sue Jones, Susan Sandford, Wesley Sparkman*

*Others Present: Carl Chenoweth (Land Conservation Committee, Food Council), Bill Lunney (Park Commission), Pat Downing (Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Environmental Council, Food Council, Land Conservation Committee), Nikole Jones (Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Environmental Council), Bob Salov (Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee), Chad Lawler (Madison Area Builders Association), Paul Dearlove (Clean Lakes Alliance), Judy Pfeiffer (Friends of Capital Springs)*

*POWER called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#)  
[MIN-076](#) 5-11-17\_LWC MINUTES

**Attachments:** [2017 MIN\\_076\\_5-11-17 LWC Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by KOLAR, that the minutes of May 11, 2017 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0**

**Ayes:** 6 - PORTER, Chair POWER, Supervisor ERICKSON, Supervisor KOLAR, Vice Chair UPDIKE and Supervisor RIPP

**Excused:** 3 - WEST, Supervisor McCARVILLE and MORENO

**Absent:** 1 - GERNER

**C. Fund Transfers - None****D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)****E. Items Requiring Committee Action**

## Election of Officers

**A motion was made by ERICKSON, seconded by KOLAR that Rebecca POWER be re-elected Commission Chair. There were no other nominations.**

**A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by UPDIKE, that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for POWER. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0**

**Ayes:** 6 - PORTER, Chair POWER, Supervisor ERICKSON, Supervisor KOLAR, Vice Chair UPDIKE and Supervisor RIPP

**Excused:** 3 - WEST, Supervisor McCARVILLE and MORENO

**Absent:** 1 - GERNER

*POWER thanked Commission members and Kevin Connors for their collaboration.*

## Election of Officers

**A motion was made by KOLAR, seconded by ERICKSON, that Lyle UPDIKE be re-elected Commission Vice Chair.**

**A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by PORTER, that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for UPDIKE. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0**

**Ayes:** 6 - PORTER, Chair POWER, Supervisor ERICKSON, Supervisor KOLAR, Vice Chair UPDIKE and Supervisor RIPP

**Excused:** 3 - WEST, Supervisor McCARVILLE and MORENO

**Absent:** 1 - GERNER

**F. Presentations**

## 1. Clean Lakes Alliance Update - Paul Dearlove

*Paul Dearlove touched on CLA's adopted Plan 2020, new staff, the Save Our Lakes breakfast and report, citizen monitoring, and community partners' 2016 accomplishment of 13,600 lbs of modeled phosphorus reduction (29% of the goal).*

*Dearlove thanked Dane County for its scholarship support to the recently-completed inaugural class of the Yahara Watershed Academy. These scholarships partially supported 9 of the 23 academy participants who otherwise would not have been able to afford the academy fee.*

## 2. Lakes & Watershed Commission Equity & Inclusion Statement and Plan, Dane County Office of Equity and Inclusion update & Potential Collaboration with Other Committees & Commissions - Rebecca Power and Wesley Sparkman

*Sparkman provided an overview of Dane County equity and inclusion work, including training provided to a Land and Water Resources Department (LWRD) all-staff meeting in January and the Simpson Street Free Press interns that will be based at LWRD during the summer. Important equity questions for LWRD and all county departments:*

- What can we do to ensure that all county residents feel connected to and have access to county services?*
- Who benefits from operations and programs, and who is burdened?*
- Who is not represented on staff or at the commission level, and who could be included?*
- How can employees and leaders mitigate the unintended consequences of exclusion?*

*POWER shared a handout highlighting Office of Lakes and Watershed's highlights of equity and inclusion accomplishments, which anticipate a future LWRD-wide equity workplan and actions. She also shared a handout of the Lakes and Watershed Commission's Equity and Inclusion Statement and Plan. One aspect of the Commission's plan is to seek and advocate for equity education and opportunities for all Natural Resources Committees and Commissions. At POWER'S invitation, representatives from other committees and commissions present spoke about their current equity work and intentions.*

*POWER committed to follow-up with the chairs of the Natural Resources Committees and Commissions, to explore a potential joint training and expanded equity conversations.*

### 3. Presentation from Each Committee, Commission or Council

*Food Council (Downing): working on how to get fledgling farmers on land, and on food waste*

*Environmental Council (Downing): great strides with pollinator educational projects*

*Environment Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee (Downing): following hearings on power line proposed for northwest Dane, suggested considerations for productive outcomes of the Healthy Farms Healthy Lakes Task Force*

*Land Conservation Committee (Chenoweth): manure management is an important topic, committee passed resolution to develop cost-sharing for manure storage*

*Lakes and Watershed Commission (LWC) (POWER): engaging farmers in the Healthy Farms Healthy Lakes Task Force work is extremely important, good to talk about issues not being addressed by WINs or existing activities and prepare for the future*

*Park Commission (Lunney): thanked Parks staff and Connors for good work and leadership. Challenges include how to buy needed land with less state funds. Developing a \$400,000 endowment to support Parks' 4000 volunteers and 14 active friends groups.*

*Connors: 2018 budget guidelines dictate no increases from 2017 unless there are offsetting revenues. Capital budget will focus only on projects that must be completed in 2018.*

## G. Reports to Committee

### 1. Stormwater Technical Advisory Committee report - next steps

*The LWC Executive Committee will discuss next steps on July 6, and will coordinate with the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission.*

### 2. Community Engagement Report

*Sandford's verbal highlights of her monthly written report focused on Commission opportunities to promote the July 1 aquatic invasives landing blitz and aquatic plant harvesting online surveys, assist with Simpson Street Free Press intern interviews of community leaders, and promote applications for free native plants due July 21.*

### 3. Work Group Reports

*PORTER said that phosphorus group members are working with Clean Lakes Alliance to explore policy options, and launching the Healthy Farms Healthy Lakes Task Force.*

*KOLAR said that the application rate guidelines development contract has been signed and advisors will meet on June 20.*

## H. Announcements

*UPDIKE announced the July 27 stormwater green tier and MAMSWaP permeable pavement tour.*

**I. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*Jones shared the LWC budget recommendations development schedule, including the August 16 public hearing. On July 13, work groups will present their draft recommendations to the full Commission.*

July 6 - Executive Committee

July 13 - Full Commission

**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 KOLAR, seconded by ERICKSON, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0**

**Ayes:** 6 - PORTER, Chair POWER, Supervisor ERICKSON, Supervisor KOLAR, Vice Chair UPDIKE and Supervisor RIPP

**Excused:** 3 - WEST, Supervisor McCARVILLE and MORENO

**Absent:** 1 - GERNER

*Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm*

*Respectfully submitted by Sue Jones. Minutes are subject to committee approval.*