



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Environmental Council

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Monday, October 16, 2017

5:30 PM City County Bld, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room  
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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 4 - PATRICK DOWNING, Chair ALIXANDRA JACOBSON, NIKOLE JONES, and  
Secretary TEAGUE MAWER  
**Absent** 3 - SHELLY ALLNESS, LAKSHMI SRIDHARAN, and Vice Chair JEFFREY SOELLNER

Jacobson called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by JACOBSON, that the be  
approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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#### C. Action Items

##### 1. Fundraising

Habecker emailed talking points and potential donor lists. Downing stated that County Supervisors historically do not take the lead in fundraising due to their involvement in the county budget process. Jones indicated she would make a few calls. Jacobson stated letters were not as effective as personal calls or meetings. Discussion of each council member choosing three contacts from the list to either visit, call or write.

##### 2. Status of Environmental Council prairie restoration sites

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maintenance in the Town of Primrose site at the intersection of G, J, and JG.**

Downing provided an update on site maintenance inquiries. Downing wrote to Pam Dunphy and requested clarity on ownership of maintenance responsibilities (specifically at the intersection of G, JG and A); received response indicating budget constraints. Highway department will mow small triangular area. Downing contacted Meryl Black, who has restored prairies previously, who indicated the prairie could be restored despite the wild parsnip invasion. Downing suggested the Environmental Council could schedule a field day with Black to begin restoration of this area. Jones asked about the possibility of a resolution to request earlier mowing due to the impact on county parks.

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### 3. Badfish Creek Grant Report Extension Request

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Jacobson received a request for a grant extension from Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed, to December 1 instead of November 1.

A motion was made by DOWNING that the extension be approved. Seconded by JONES. The motion carried by a voice vote.

## **D. Presentations**

### Announcements

Downing mentioned seeing a new historical marker and program in Primrose in honor of Robert La Follette.

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

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

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 20, 2017.

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

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

## **I. Adjourn**

Motion by Jacobson ans seconded by Jones to adjourn at 5:54 p.m. Motion carried by a voice vote.

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