



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Environmental Council

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

4:00 PM

Room 351 City County Bldg, 210 ML King Jr Blvd

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A. Call To Order

Present 5 - PATRICK DOWNING, SHELLY ALLNESS, LAKSHMI SRIDHARAN, JEFFREY SOELLNER, and TEAGUE MAWER

Excused 1 - NIKOLE JONES

Chair Soellner called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. Habecker was also present.

B. Consideration of Minutes

A motion was made by DOWNING, seconded by MAWER, that the minutes of January 17, 2018 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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[MIN-502](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 17 2018

Attachments: [Minutes FJanuary 17 2018](#)

C. Action Items

1. Budget Review

Motion to retain \$600 in the budget for Council operating expenses, leaving a total of \$9624.20 to spend as a maximum for the Community Partners or Capital Equipment grants from the Council's budget.

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Habecker shared that the Council had \$10,000 in Capital Equipment to award and up to \$10,224.20 to spend for Community Partner or Capital Equipment projects. Downing moved and Soellner seconded a motion to retain \$600 in the budget for Council operating expenses, leaving a total of \$9624.20 to spend as a maximum for the Community Partners or Capital Equipment grants from the Council's budget. Motion unanimously approved by voice vote.

2. Review of 2018 Environmental Council Grants

Downing made and Sridharan seconded a motion to fund 17 grant projects totaling \$17,327.00 with \$10,000 awarded in the Capital Equipment program and \$7,327 in the Community Partners program.

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The Council reviewed and discussed all the submitter grant applications for 2018. There were 23 applications requesting a total of \$30,576.68 with \$10,000 awarded in the Capital Equipment program and \$7,327 awarded in the Community Partner program. The specific awards are listed in the attached file.

[2017
RPT-744](#)

2018 ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL AWARDED GRANTS

Attachments: [Awarded Grants in both programs 2018](#)

3. Revisions for 2019 Grant Process and Guidelines

The following items were noted that will need to be discussed for possible changes to the 2019 grant program: clarify which grant to apply to if desire professional services, alter budget page example item for \$288 to state that will need to get 2 bids, and fillable forms do not work with Apple devices, will need to use PC equipment as that is what the county supports. Make this clear to applicants. This was an initial list of possible changes that need to be discussed at the April meeting.

D. Presentations

1. Announcements

Supervisor Downing noted that two new members for the Environmental Council will be voted on at tomorrow's County Board meeting. Those members are: Thomas Eggert, a professor with UW-Madison who has developed and taught classes on sustainability and systems change for the Nelson Institute and Natalie Eisner, a graduate student in CALS-UW-Madison with an interest in local food movement. They may be ready to come onto the Council for the April meeting.

Habecker announced that the Nelson Institute's Earth Day Conference is scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2018 at Monona Terrace.

2. Pollinator Protection Update

Motion to suspend rules to allow for a vote on an action for exhibiting for pollinator protection efforts.

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Habecker sent out the 2017 pollinator protection progress report to EANR members, Executive's Office and officers of the county board. Habecker has been working on finalizing the interpretive signs for 5 park locations and developing presentations to be given towards the end of this month. A work plan has been developed for 2018 based on the PP plan's goals and objectives. It was also decided that Habecker should spend pollinator money to have an Exhibit at the Nelson Institute's Earth Day Conference.

Motion to approve the expenditure of \$150 of pollinator funds to exhibit at the Nelson Institute Earth Day Conference on April 23, 2018 for pollinator educational outreach.

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[2017
RPT-630](#)

POLLINATOR PROTECTION 2017 PROGRESS REPORT

Attachments: [2017 Pollinator Protection Efforts in Dane County](#)

E. Reports to Committee - none

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 18th at 5:30 pm to be located at Fen Oak Drive. Habecker will check with Nicole Jones and the two new members to see if this date or Thursday, April 19th will work best and get back to the Council with the final date selection.

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

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - none

I. Adjourn

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

Soellner adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

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