



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Environmental Council

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Wednesday, February 6, 2019

5:00 PM

City County Building, Room 321

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 4 - JEFFREY SOELLNER, TEAGUE MAWER, THOMAS EGGERT, and JULIE SCHWELLENBACH

**Excused** 1 - NATALIE EISNER

Soellner called the meeting to order at 5:13. Habecker was also present.

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of January 9 2019 were unanimously approved.

[2018](#)  
[MIN-421](#)

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**Attachments:** [Minutes January 9 2019](#)

#### C. Action Items

##### 1. Grant Issues that Need Attention

Habecker has been receiving many inquiries and questions about the grants. No applications have been submitted yet. Applications need to be in by 5pm February 28th. She will send a link to a Google Drive that has a folder for each of the grant programs and also include the grant guidelines, review sheets, and a listing of past funded grants. This will be available to you on March 1st. The grant review meeting is scheduled at 4pm in City County Bldg, Room 321 on Wednesday, March 14th. The Council will organize for some snacks for this longer meeting.

##### 2. Private Fundraising

Habecker received a check for \$500 from American Transmission Company LLC for our 2019 grant program. This was the results of Chair Soellner's efforts in contacting and applying for funding. Habecker will send a thank you letter after the grants are awarded to let them know what they helped fund. Supervisor Schwellenbach has made a table of Green Industry contacts from an Extension mailing list. She intends to send an electronic letter out to this group to request funding. She will personally contact the largest businesses in this area. Habecker will review the letter and provide the Environmental Council logo.

### 3. Environmental Council Logo

Council will wait until the grant funds are distributed to make a decision on this. Habecker checked with Corporation Counsel but has not heard back from them yet about any county guides on altering an existing county council logo.

### 4. Pollinator Protection Subcommittee Work

Progress is being made on a number of fronts. The UW Sustainability Class project proposal was submitted and Eggert said it was one of the projects selected by a 4 person student team that includes two graduate students. One is a communications major. This project will be guided by a team from Environmental Council, UW Arboretum, and UW Entomology Department. The project will look at assessment tools for measuring pollinator health and habitat and provide guidance on an appropriate tool for local use along with evaluation matrices. The Brochure Holders will be going out to 100 locations in the county - municipal centers, public libraries, and community centers. These will be distributed by Soellner, Eggert, Eisner and Habecker in the February and March. Habecker is participating at Garden Expo and will be educating about pollinator protection. Habecker has also met with Dane County parks staff to discuss possible locations for pollinator educational gardens where there are Friends groups that may have the capacity to do such a project. This would be the gardens that are planned for 2019 and installed in 2020. Habecker has also drafted an outline for the Community/School Pollinator Friendly Practices. This will be developed in 2019.

## D. Presentations

### 1. Announcements

Habecker brought the Yahara Water Trails Guide that was a Council project and took over 3.5 years to develop with a large group of volunteers. The guide has been sold over the years and the Council has \$5470 in funds dedicated for reprinting. The guide was printed in 2007. It needs to be reviewed to see if it is still current or in need of revision. Soellner announced that the Quarterly Natural Resources meetings were helpful to coordinate and know what other related groups are doing in Dane County. He wondered if the quarterly meetings were still going on. Habecker will check. The Lake Levels Task Force has met this week for the first time and will be meeting a total of 6 times to finish selection of recommendations to put forward to the county by the beginning of April 2019.

#### **E. Reports to Committee**

[2018](#) POLLINATOR PROTECTION 2019 WORK PLAN  
[RPT-439](#)

Attachments: [Pollinator Project 2019 Work Plan and Budget](#)

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

The next meeting of the Environmental Council is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th at 4 p.m. Room 321, City County Building. At this meeting the Council will review the 2019 grant applications along with other business.

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

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

#### **I. Adjourn**

This was adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 6:15.

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