



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?

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

3:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for
instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by
phone.

A. Call To Order

Present 5 - THOMAS EGGERT, Chair NATALIE EISNER, Supervisor JULIE
SCHWELLENBACH, Vice Chair PETER SEEL, and JOSHUA KNACKERT
Absent 1 - LAKSHMI SRIDHARAN

Others Present: Carrie Edgar and Chip Thompson

Call to Order by Chair EISNER at 3 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020
MIN-410](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL MINUTES 13.JAN.2021

Attachments: [2020 MIN-410](#)

A motion was made by EGGERT, seconded by SCHWELLENBACH, that the
Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote, 5-0.

C. Reports to Committee

*Grant Program Committee progress — The first meeting is scheduled for Feb 18th.
KNACKERT and EGGERT will represent the Council on the committee.*

D. Discussion Items

Pollinator Protection Initiatives — Edgar shared that a year end report was received from the Prairie Moraine Friends pollinator garden. They have also included the information on their website at <https://prairiemorainefriends.org/pollinator-garden>. Edgar will forward to the report to all members and include the link in the pollinator gardens section on the Environmental Council website.

Council Membership — Currently one open seat. There is a pending applicant whose appointment should be approved at the next County Board meeting. Those interested should submit an application at <https://dane.granicus.com/boards/w/4d5ebc9bd2aa4f36>

Website update — Edgar shared that all the website updates have been completed and asked that the committee members review and submit any further edits or suggestions to her as needed. A suggestion was made that the website be reviewed twice a year

E. Announcements

Edgar shared that the Town of Dunn has submitted and updated project construction timeline due to the work not be complete in 2020 due to the pandemic. She also shared that Anderson Parks Friends submitted their 2020 capital equipment grant report. Per request of the group, Edgar will forward the reports via email as they come in.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

March 10th — Invite Dane County LWRD to present on the Plant Dane program.

April 14th — Plan planting day at Prairie Heritage Trail prairies

Discussion was held on inviting other county departments, organizations and community efforts to provide short presentations to the Environmental Council. Potential topics: climate change, pollinator gardens, prairies, green roofs, etc. This could be a good way to build relationships with other municipalities and organizations in the county. Edgar will set up a Google Drive folder for the Council members to have access to the funding request letter and other resources. Edgar will do some research for a list of contacts of all the municipalities to begin to identify related work they are doing and to establish relationships. Edgar will invite Plant Dane to present at the March meeting. A recommendation was made to invite grant recipients to provide a short presentation to the Council at future meetings.

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 EGGERT, seconded by SCHWELLENBACH, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried 5-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carrie Edgar, pending council approval.