



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, April 14, 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 7 - THOMAS EGGERT, Chair NATALIE EISNER, Supervisor JULIE
SCHWELLENBACH, LAKSHMI SRIDHARAN, Vice Chair PETER SEEL, JOSHUA
KNACKERT, and Supervisor PHILLIP GRUPE

Others present: Carrie Edgar, Chip Thompson

Chair EISNER called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020
MIN-518](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL MINUTES 10.MAR.2021

Attachments: [2020 MIN-518](#)

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

C. Action Items

Pollinator Garden/Plant Dane Proposal

The Council discussed ways to strengthen the educational component. EISNER suggested the signs be given to gardens that have blooming plants throughout the growing season. KNACKERT offered to adapt a few of the sign posts if needed. SEEL suggested encouraging participants to use the pollinator assessment tool. SRIDHARAN recommended that an end of year report be required for the Native Plants program.

A motion was made by GRUPE, seconded by EISNER, that the proposal be approved. The motion carried by voice vote, 5-0.

[2021](#)
[RPT-006](#)

POLLINATOR GARDENS PLANT DANE PROPOSAL

Attachments: [2021 RPT-006](#)

EGGERT proposed the Council allocate \$1000 of the pollinator funds to the Plant Dane Native Plants program to purchase plants.

A motion was made by EGGERT, seconded by SRIDHARAN, that the funds be approved. The motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

D. Reports to Committee

Grant Program Committee progress: KNACKERT provided an update on the grant collaboration work group. Edgar shared that she is working with a LWRD staff on a draft joint application that will be shared soon with the work team and then presented to the Environmental Council at the May meeting for approval. SCHWELLENBACH suggested we share the flowsheet that was developed to review the Environmental Council grants with the work team. EGGERT shared that the Council received a donation from MGE Foundation of \$2000 for the 2021 grant program.

E. Discussion items

Plan May planting day at Prairie Heritage Trail prairies. Edgar shared that a flat of plants are scheduled to be delivered on May 20th to the Extension office. EGGERT offered to facilitate the date and process.

F. Announcements

EGGERT shared an idea of creating Pollinator Pathways. He shared an email with a link with a description of the idea. EISNER suggested this be added to a future agenda.

SEEL shared that he will be moving out of the country soon and so will need to resign from the Council. The May meeting will be his last on the Council. EISNER asked the group to consider serving in the Vice Chair role. Edgar will follow-up with the Executive's office about appointing a replacement.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*May 12, 2021 3 pm Review and approval of the 2021 Grant Application process
June 9, 2021 3 pm*

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

J. Adjourn

A motion was made by EISNER, seconded by SRIDHARAN, that the be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carrie Edgar, pending council approval.

[2021](#)
[RPT-034](#)

REGISTRATION REPORT 14.APR.2021

Attachments: [2021 RPT-034](#)