



# 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, May 12, 2021

3:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for  
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phone.

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 6 - THOMAS EGGERT, Chair NATALIE EISNER, LAKSHMI SRIDHARAN, Vice Chair  
PETER SEEL, JOSHUA KNACKERT, and Supervisor PHILLIP GRUPE  
**Absent** 1 - Supervisor JULIE SCHWELLENBACH

*Others present: Carrie Edgar and Chip Thompson.*

*Call to Order by Chair EISNER at 3 pm.*

#### B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

*None.*

#### C. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL MINUTES 14.APR.2021  
[MIN-043](#)

**Attachments:** [2021 MIN-043](#)

A motion was made by SRIDHARAN, seconded by KNACKERT, that the minutes  
be approved. The motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

#### D. Reports to Committee

*Collaborative Grant Program Committee — Discussion of the collaborative grant program  
application process and suggestions for improving the application process.*

#### E. Action Items

*2021 Grant Application process — Motion by EGGERT to move forward with the  
collaborative grant application process with a June 1 open and an Aug 2 due date for  
proposals and to develop a screening process to allocate the applications to the  
appropriate committees. Second by KNACKERT. Motion carried by voice vote 6-0*

**F. Discussion Items**

- *May planting day at Prairie Heritage Trail prairies — Edgar shared that the plants will be delivered at Fen Oak on the morning of Sat, May 22. EGGERT will organize a small group to install the plants.*
- *Pollinator ideas — pathways, solar panel fields, etc. — Philip GRUPE shared that the solar farm in Fitchburg is considering adding pollinator plants under the panels. The Fitchburg Resource Conservation Commission is hoping to add some educational signage at the site. KNACKERT shared that he is a new members of the Fitchburg Resource Conservation Commission. GRUPE shared that he will ask MGE and/or the land owner if they would consider speaking to the Council at a future meeting.*

**G. Announcements**

*Edgar shared that she has received approval on filling the Natural Resources Educator position. She is hopeful the position will be posted early next week.*

**H. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*June 9 at 3 pm — Review the application screening and review process, Possible speaker on pollinator planting in solar fields.*

**I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*None.*

**J. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by EISNER, seconded by KNACKERT, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by 6-0.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Carrie Edgar, pending council approval.*