



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, June 9, 2021

3:00 PM

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A. Call To Order

Present 4 - THOMAS EGGERT, Chair NATALIE EISNER, JOSHUA KNACKERT, and
Supervisor PHILLIP GRUPE
Absent 1 - LAKSHMI SRIDHARAN

Call to order at 3:00PM

Others Present: Carrie Edgar, Javiera Gonzalez and Chip Thompson

• *Recognition of the passing of Supervisor Julie Schwellenbach and her contributions to
the Environmental Council and Dane County.*

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

C. Consideration of Minutes

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A motion was made by GRUPE, seconded by EGGERT, that the Minutes be
approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

D. Reports to Committee

• *Collaborative Grant Program Committee — The committee has not met but Edgar
shared she had a conversation with Joleen Stinson, Asst. Parks Director, and provided
an update on membership of the "pre-screening committee". Discussion was held about
the committee's role. Edgar will schedule a meeting for the group in the near future.*

E. Discussion items

- *2021 grant application period now open — Edgar shared that call for proposals is on the website and notices have been sent out by Extension and Dane County Parks. It was also included in the monthly Extension e-Newsletter. Discussion was held on how to get information to others who may not be familiar with the grant program.*
- *Member vacancies — Edgar contacted the Executive's office to see if there are pending applications. Chair EISNER asked for a volunteer to serve as vice chair with PJ Seel's resignation from the Council. GRUPE volunteered to serve in this role. Edgar agreed to write a position description to recruit potential new members and share with others.*

F. Announcements

- *Edgar shared Extension is currently screening for the Natural Resources Educator position and candidates will be invited to interviews soon. She invited an EC member to participate in the final interviews if interested. EISNER volunteered if the dates work for her.*
- *Eggert shared that Lakshmi, Mindy and he put in the new plants at Prairie Heritage Trail prairies. Edgar will post photos on the Environmental Council website.*
- *GRUPE shared that the solar farm in Fitchburg went live today. He is trying to find someone to speak to the Council on how/if pollinator plantings are included. Edgar is doing the same for the County solar installation. EGGERT asked that this be a future agenda item.*

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- *July 14 at 3 pm*
- *August 18 at 2 pm – review of grant applications*
- *September 8 at 3 pm – tour of sites*

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjourn

**A motion was made by EISNER, seconded by EGGERT, that the be adjourned.
The motion carried unanimously 4-0.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carrie Edgar, pending council approval.