



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Food 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, December 15, 2021

5:30 PM

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

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### Joint Meeting of Dane County Food Council and Madison Food Policy Council

#### A. Call To Order

**Present** 6 - DONALE RICHARDS, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, SHEENA TESCH, BILL WARNER, SHIRLEY NENNIG, and ABHA THAKKAR

**Excused** 2 - MARCIA CATON CAMPBELL, and DANIEL CORNELIUS

*Madison Food Policy Council members: Chair Erica Anderson Deitz, Vice Chair Lindsey Day Farnsworth, Chris Brockel, Taylar Foster, Alma Horlock, Rebecca Kemble, Sarah Larson, Nicholas Leete, Alder Arvina Martin, Kirsten Moore, Teal Evans, Devika Suri, Alder Regina Vidaver*

*OTHERS PRESENT: Jess Guffey Calkins, George Reistad, Nick Heckman, Nan Fey*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#)  
[MIN-489](#)

MINUTES 20.OCT.2021

**Attachments:** [2021 MIN-489](#)

A motion was made by WARNER, seconded by RICHARDS, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

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

#### D. Announcements

- Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future – Community of Learning Practice. DCFC/MFPC representatives participating in this group (THAKKAR and Moore) reported that the first meeting was held. A survey asking input (optional) from council members will be sent out; responses needed by Jan 3.
- 2022 Meeting schedule. Even months: DCFC/MFPC joint food council meetings. Councils will meet separately on odd months.

**E. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law****F. Action Items**

*Ag Leases Policy Memo – Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty Work Group*

[2021](#)  
[RPT-737](#)

AG LEASE+ADDENDUM+REFERENCES\_MFPC-DCFC 121521

**Attachments:** [2021 RPT-737](#)

*Fey and Guffey Calkins presented on the information in the memo, and a discussion followed.*

**A motion was made by TESCH, seconded by WARNER, that the memo be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.**

**G. Presentations**

*SEED and PIE Grant Recommendations for Improvement Memo – Food Access, Relief, & Economic Support Work Group*

[2021](#)  
[PRES-202](#)

FARES WG-SEED AND PIE GRANT RECS 120621

**Attachments:** [2021 PRES-202](#)

*A presentation and discussion was held regarding the memo.*

## H. Reports to Committee

### *Work Group Reports*

- Food Access, Relief & Economic Support - Evans

No additional report.

- Food Plan - WARNER

Dane County approved \$40K for a study of the food system during covid. Members are developing an RFP for this work.

- Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty - TESCH

No additional report.

### *Staff Reports*

- City of Madison – George Reistad

No report.

- Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman

Updates delivered regarding the ongoing COVID-19 situation for Dane County.

- Dane County – Jess Guffey Calkins

The UW-Madison Extension Community Food Systems Program is hiring a Food Entrepreneurship Outreach Specialist. This position will develop, implement and evaluate the Community Food Systems Program's Food Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development (FEED) Initiative, a statewide program that promotes food entrepreneurship training and network development for individuals facing structural barriers to food entrepreneurship and value-added producers. The position description is at <https://jobs.hr.wisc.edu/en-us/job/511479/food-entrepreneurship-specialist>; application period will close December 27th.

Registration is open for the 2022 Organic Vegetable Production Conference, organized by UW-Madison Extension Dane County and FairShare CSA Coalition: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/danecountyag/2022-organic-vegetable-production-conference/>. It will be online on February 3, 4, 7, and 8, 2022. This producer-initiated conference is designed for advanced growers and attracts participants from throughout the Midwest and beyond.

### *Regular Business Reports*

- Community Gardens - Leete

Looking for space for gardeners that have been displaced in 2021. Planning for a winter conference.

- Madison Metropolitan School District

No report

- Double Dollars Program – Horlock, Moore

For markets: Jan – Nov 2021 Data Transactions -- 4753 Customers (all) -- 2311 New -- 1076 EBT distributed -- \$132,585.74 EBT redeemed -- \$109,579.95 DD distributed -- \$90,888.41 DD redeemed -- \$78,769.41 Percentage redemption (Nov 2021) EBT: 83%

Willy St funding drive is ongoing, with donations being matched by the Co-op. \$10,000

*match fund has already been met.*

*DD issuance is up 19% from projected, with redemption up 12%. Donations are up 10%, with significant increase in cash donations at the register.*

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

## **J. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by WARNER, seconded by RICHARDS, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending council approval.*