



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Food Council Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty Work Group

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Friday, September 16, 2022

12:00 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 3 - Chair SHEENA TESCH, NAN FEY, and NICHOLAS LEETE

Others present: Phil Kauth, Dan Cornelius, Alder Regina Vidaver, Marcia Caton Campbell

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#)
[MIN-275](#)

7.15.2022 MINUTES FOOD COUNCIL RAF

Attachments: [2022 MIN-275](#)

A motion was made by FEY, seconded by TESCH, that the Minutes be approved.
The motion carried by a voice vote 3-0.

C. Discussion Items

Local market development Alder Vidaver sought input on Public Market Financing to fill \$3m withdrawn by federal Economic Development Agency
Request information from EDA staff
Contact federal representatives
Construction costs have risen everywhere
Local governments can't be expected to respond in 7 days
Local politics about location

Produce Safety

- Safe Wisconsin Produce (SWP):

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SafeWisconsinProduce.aspx

REAP working on this - Anna Landmark is knowledgeable, boot camp coming up.

Buyers may need to adopt before growers will participate. Dan - GAP Certification won't go away, but involved in establishing the SWP program to simplify.

Land for cultivation

- Raemisch Farm property update - recent proposal approved for Green Street development.

Connect local grower needs with available land -- Rooted, Groundswell, Marbleseed, Land

Stewardship Project etc.

Private sale/lease opportunities are hard to track

Large USDA Grants becoming available:

Regional Food Business Centers (regional) FPCs could apply; Sarah Lloyd et al working on large proposal involving WI, MN, IA (Dan on calls)

**Land Capital Access Program due 10/28 (webinar 9/7) should be the priority.*

<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/increasing-land-access/index>

Action Item: Approach County for mapping of available space

Action Item: RAFS support for tribal submissions

Action Item: Follow up on LCAP submittal

Farmland Preservation Task Force approved 9/6/22

Only objection was from Smart Growth representative, impact on housing

Action Item: members for meeting times that work for everyone

D. Presentations

E. Reports to Committee

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

October 21, 2022

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by LEETE, seconded by FEY, that the meeting be adjourned.
The motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins; Pending council review.