



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the
Heritage Center Upper Level, 3101 Lake
Farm Rd, Madison; attend virtually via Zoom

A. Call To Order

Chair Thoresen called the Park Commission Meeting to order at 5:34 PM.
Staff Present: Lael Pascual, Andy Paulios, Sharene Smith, Joleen Stinson,
Summer Thoresten.

Others Present: Andrew Bremer, Claire Finucane, Tyler McLaughlin.

Present: 4 - NANCY BOGUE, TOM THORESEN, DON POSTLER and JASMINE BANKS

Excused: 3 - STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER and KRISTIE GOFORTH

B. Public Hearing for Dane County Parks Proposed 2026 Fees

Chair Thoresen opened the Public Hearing at 5:40 PM. There were no meeting attendees in person, no virtual registrations, and no communications received related to the proposed 2026 Dane County Park fees. Chair Thoresen closed the Public Hearing at 5:43 PM.

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RPT-209](#)

Dane County Parks Fee History With Proposed 2026 Fees

Attachments: [Park Permit & Educational Program Fees Proposed 2026](#)

C. Consideration of Minutes

[2025
MIN-198](#)

Minutes of the July 9, 2025 Park Commission Meeting

Attachments: [2025 MIN-198 Park Commission Minutes 07-09-2025](#)

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

D. Presentations

1. Conservation Fund Grant Application from the Village of McFarland for a land purchase, Lower Yahara River Trail

Andrew Bremer from the Village of McFarland presented a proposed land acquisition project to complete a missing segment of the Lower Yahara River Trail. The Village is requesting approximately \$185,000 from the Dane County Conservation Fund Grant program.

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Village of McFarland Conservation Fund Grant Request Presentation

Attachments: [McFarland Bashford Street](#)

2. Conservation Fund Grant Application from the Ice Age Trail Alliance for a land purchase, Ice Age Trail, Table Bluff Segment

Claire Finucane from the Ice Age Trail Alliance (IATA) presented a proposed land acquisition project that would connect to existing public and IATA-owned lands and relocate a 0.7-mile on-road segment to a new off-road alignment. The IATA is requesting approximately \$557,000 from the Dane County Conservation Fund Grant program.

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Ice Age Trail Alliance Conservation Fund Grant Request Presentation

Attachments: [IATA Brooks](#)

E. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2025
RES-129](#) AUTHORIZING THE BIDDING AND SUBSEQUENT PURCHASE OF 7874 FISH LAKE ROAD

Sponsors: DOOLAN, ENGELBERGER, POSTLER and BLAZEWICZ

Attachments: [2025 RES-129](#)
[2025 RES-129 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-129 AREA MAP](#)
[2025 RES-129 SUBJECT MAP](#)

A motion was made by POSTLER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

2. [2025 RES-130](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FUNDING FROM WisDOT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOWER YAHARA RIVER TRAIL INTERPRETATIVE SIGN

Sponsors: CHAWLA, BARUSHOK, ENGELBERGER and BLAZEWCZ

Attachments: [2025 RES-130](#)
[2025 RES-130 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-130 CONTRACT #15927](#)

A motion was made by POSTLER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

3. [2025 RES-131](#) ACCEPTANCE OF A WDNR PHEASANT STAMP GRANT FOR HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: CHAWLA, ENGELBERGER, POSTLER and BLAZEWCZ

Attachments: [2025 RES-131](#)
[2025 RES-131 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-131 CONTRACT #15928](#)

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by POSTLER, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

4. [2025 RES-132](#) ACCEPTANCE OF A WDNR TURKEY STAMP GRANT FOR HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: CHAWLA, ENGELBERGER, POSTLER and BLAZEWCZ

Attachments: [2025 RES-132](#)
[2025 RES-132 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-132 CONTRACT #15929](#)

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by POSTLER, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

F. Items Requiring Committee Action

G. Reports to Committee

1. Anderson Farm County Park Community Garden Management RFP

Joleen Stinson presented an overview of community gardening initiatives included in the 2025-2030 Parks and Open Space Plan. Current garden sites are operated through nonprofit partners at several county parks. The Anderson Farm Garden is nearing the end of its current management contract, and staff will issue a new RFP for a five-year contract (2026-2030) to select a qualified nonprofit operator. The RFP is expected to be issued in early September.

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RPT-317](#)

Anderson Farm County Park Community Agriculture Request for Proposals Presentation

Attachments: [Anderson Farm Co Park Community Agriculture RFP Powerpoint](#)

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Wednesday, September 10, 2025
*note 5:00 PM start time and only discuss pressing business
Heritage Center
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
2. Wednesday, October 22, 2025
Heritage Center
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

K. Closed Session

A motion was made by POSTLER, seconded by EICHER, that the Meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - BOGUE, Chair THORESEN, Supervisor POSTLER and BANKS

The Commission (or Committee) met in closed session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing or acquiring of property where open discussion of bargaining positions and strategies would discourage bargaining and harm the public's interest in obtaining properties. The authority for this possible closed session is Wis.Stat.19.85(1) (e).

Supervisor Analiese Eicher and Kristie GoForth joined the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Present: 6 - NANCY BOGUE, ANALIESE EICHER, TOM THORESEN, KRISTIE GOFORTH, DON POSTLER and JASMINE BANKS

Excused: 1 - STEFANIE BROUWER

L. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by POSTLER, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - BOGUE, Supervisor EICHER, Chair THORESEN, Second Vice Chair GOFORTH, Supervisor POSTLER and BANKS

M. Adjourn

A motion was made by BOGUE that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:57 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joleen Stinson, pending Park Commission approval.