



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

This meeting is being conducted on land now known and recognized as Dane County, Wisconsin. We acknowledge that this land is at the same time the ancestral, traditional, & contemporary land of the Ho-Chunk, Sauk & Kickapoo nations.

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

5:30 PM

Hybrid - Attend in person at 5201 Fen Oak Drive
Driftless Room 121 ; attend virtually via zoom.

See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public testimony. The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm or when the Land Conservation Committee adjourns, whichever is later. The Zoom link for the meetings is the same.

This is a joint meeting with the Land Conservation Committee. Members of the Lakes & Watershed Commission and Parks Commission may be present but will not conduct business.

Interpreters must be requested in advance; please see the bottom of the agenda for more information.

Los intérpretes deben solicitarse con anticipación; consulte el final de la agenda para obtener más información.

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The May 20, 2026 Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee meeting will be a hybrid meeting. Members of the public can either attend in person or virtually via Zoom.

This is a joint meeting with the Land Conservation Committee. Members of the Lakes & Watershed Commission and Park Commission may be present but will not conduct business.

The public can attend in person at 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Driftless Room.

The public can access the meeting virtually with the Zoom application or by telephone.

To join the meeting in Zoom, click the following link (after you fill out the form, the meeting link and access information will be emailed to you):

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_80GVOAEIS7qmE1KNsjlusQ

This link will be active until the end of the meeting.

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1-833-548-0276

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In person registrations to provide public comment will be accepted throughout the meeting.

VIRTUAL: Any members of the public wishing to register to speak on/support/oppose an agenda item **MUST REGISTER USING THE LINK ABOVE** (even if you plan to attend using your phone). Virtual registrations to provide public comment will be accepted until 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting.

In order to testify (provide public comment) virtually, you must be in attendance at the meeting via Zoom or phone, you will then either be unmuted or promoted to a panelist and provided time to speak to the body.

If you want to submit written comments or other materials for this meeting, please email them to: lwrd@danecounty.gov. Staff will forward the email and materials to members of the committee.

A. Call To Order

Chair Marren called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Youth Governance Member Present: Sophia Pientka

Others present: Larry Turner, Linda Thompson, Alan May, Tom Thoresen, Ryan Sands

Staff present: David Rowe, Joleen Stinson, Kyle Minks, John Reimer, Amy Piaget, Laura Hicklin

Present: 3 - KERRY MARREN, DAN BLAZEWICZ and HENRY FRIES

Excused: 2 - PAULA BRANDMEIER and PATRICK DOWNING

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2026
MIN-035](#) Minutes of the May 7, 2026 Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Sponsors: Environment and Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Attachments: [EANR 05-07-26](#)

A motion was made by BLAZEWICZ that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 3-0.

C. Fund Transfers

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

Present: 4 - KERRY MARREN, DAN BLAZEWICZ, PATRICK DOWNING and HENRY FRIES

Excused: 1 - PAULA BRANDMEIER

[2025
RES-432](#) AUTHORIZING RNG ACCESS AGREEMENT AND GROUND AND EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT TO DEMETER AG-GRID LLC

Sponsors: CHAWLA and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-432](#)
[2025 RES-432 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-432 CONTRACT #16324](#)

Kyle Minks gave an overview of the proposed lease and digester initiative. Ryan Sands spoke in support of the resolution.

A motion was made by BLAZEWICZ that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0, YGP 1-0.

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[PRES-020](#)

DIGESTER PRESENTATION

Attachments: [Digester Presentation 5-20-26](#)

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

F. Reports to Committee

1. Yahara Chain Lake Levels Report

[2026](#)
[RPT-077](#)

LAKE LEVELS REPORT

Attachments: [Yahara Lakes update 5_20_26](#)

John Reimer gave the Yahara Chain Lake Levels Report.

G. Presentations

1. Overview of Chapter 49 Ordinance Amendments and Timeline

[2026](#)
[PRES-018](#)

CHAPTER 49 PRESENTATION

Attachments: [Ch49Presentation 5-20-26](#)

Amy Piaget gave a presentation on Chapter 49, Dane County Code of Ordinances.

2. Overview of Chapter 71 Ordinance Amendments and Timeline

[2026](#)
[PRES-019](#)

CHAPTER 71 PRESENTATION

Attachments: [Ch71Presentation 5-20-26](#)

Kyle Minks gave an overview of Chapter 71, Dane County Code of Ordinances.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting will be June 11th or at the Call of the Chair.

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Linda Thompson requested that the County provide shoreline cleanup services for Lake Monona property owners.

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

K. Adjourn

A motion was made by BLAZEWICZ that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Hicklin and subject to committee action at a future meeting.

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Sau tseg: Yog koj xav tau ib tug neeg txhais lus, txhais ua ntaub ntawv, cov ntaub ntawv uas nyob rau lwm yam kev lawm los sis lwm yam kev pab nkag rau qhov kev pab no, kev ua si los sis kev pab cuam, thov hu tus xov tooj rau hauv qab no—xav kom hu li peb hnuv ua ntej tuaj tab sis tsis pub tsawg tshaj 24 xuab moos ua ntej rau lub rooj sib tham no.

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