



Dane County Advisory Committee on Data Centers

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Agenda

- A. Call To Order
- B. Introductions
- C. Explanation of Meeting Process
- D. Election of Officers
 - 1. Chair
 - 2. Vice-Chair
- E. Schedule of Meetings
- F. Review of Enacting Resolution
- G. Goals/Priority Setting
- H. Future Meeting Items and Guest Speakers
- I. Public Comment - Items not on the Agenda
- J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law
- K. Adjourn

Introductions: Committee Membership

- ▶ Patrick Miles Dane County Board Supervisor
- ▶ Kerry Marren Dane County Board Supervisor
- ▶ Don Postler Dane County Board Supervisor
- ▶ Cynthia Richson Dane County Towns Association (Opt In)
- ▶ Doug Yelk Dane County Towns Association (Opt Out)
- ▶ Bob Wipperfurth Dane County Cities & Villages Association
- ▶ Cindi Kelm-Nelson Dane County Cities & Villages Association
- ▶ Tony Abate Ag/Farmland Preservation

Introductions: Committee Membership

Committee Members

- ▶ Ciaran Gallagher Environmental Organization
- ▶ Terry Bradshaw Technology Infrastructure / Data Center Development
- ▶ Caitlin Shanahan Land Use, Environmental Planning, or Sustainability
- ▶ Laura Scandurra Land Use, Environmental Planning, or Sustainability
- ▶ Corey Singletary Energy Policy / Utility Regulation

Committee Staff

- ▶ Majid Allan Dane County Planning & Development
- ▶ Ben Kollenbroich Dane County Planning & Development
- ▶ Jaron McCallum Dane County Planning & Development
- ▶ Josh Schroeder Dane County Board Office

Meeting Process

- ▶ The Advisory Committee on Data Centers was established for the purpose of impartial fact-finding, researching, analyzing, and providing recommendations regarding the economic, environmental, and community implications of data center development within Dane County.
- ▶ In accordance with Dane County Ordinance, the committee will take public comment. Public comment will take place following any presentations and discussions of agenda items.
- ▶ Avenues for public input – open meetings, public hearings, committee email, website
 - ▶ Website currently under development: <https://danecountyplanning.com/ACDC>
 - ▶ Committee email address: ACDC@danecounty.gov
- ▶ Member orientation info shared in advance of meeting:
 - ▶ Meeting logistics, quorum, open meetings, parliamentary procedure, ethics

Election of Officers

Nominations for:

1. Chair

- ▶ Works with department staff and committee staff to set agendas
- ▶ Approves agendas
- ▶ Runs the meeting and interacts with members of the body and public
- ▶ Upholds meeting decorum
- ▶ Implements Robert's Rules of Order and County Ordinances

2. Vice Chair

Schedule of Meetings

- ▶ Committee 12 month charge
- ▶ Anticipate monthly meeting cadence
- ▶ Daytime meetings, 1.5 hours
 - ▶ Possible options: Tuesdays or Wednesdays after 11am
 - ▶ Others?

Enacting Resolution / Committee Charge

- ▶ Energy consumption and emissions impacts
- ▶ Electrical transmission and distribution infrastructure
- ▶ Water usage, sustainability, impacts to surface and groundwater resources
- ▶ Land use, environmental compatibility, farmland conversion
- ▶ Noise, lighting, and other aesthetic and community character impacts

Enacting Resolution / Committee Charge

- ▶ Emergency services and security implications (fire-fighting, hazmat, etc.)
- ▶ Economic benefits, including potential tax base growth, employment
- ▶ Lifespan of facilities and considerations for decommissioning
- ▶ Intergovernmental relations
- ▶ Regulatory authorities, policy mechanisms
- ▶ Other relevant issues that merit exploration

Priority setting / Future meeting items

Possible schedule of meetings/topics based on 12-month timeframe

- ▶ Guest speakers/presentations
- ▶ 13 meetings total
- ▶ 2 report drafting work sessions
- ▶ 2 public hearings
- ▶ Final report delivery February 2027

Priority setting / Future meeting items

March — Energy & Grid

Energy use & emissions

Utility/ratepayer impacts

Transmission & substations

April — Water

Sources & sustainability

Ground/surface impacts

User competition

Priority setting / Future meeting items

May — Community & Safety

Noise & lighting

Visual character

Emergency capacity

June — Economics & Lifecycle

Tax base & jobs

Secondary development

Decommissioning

Priority setting / Future meeting items

July — Land & Environment

- ▶ Farmland conversion
- ▶ Plan compatibility
- ▶ Resource protection

August — Regulation & Policy

- ▶ Legal authorities
- ▶ Intergovernmental coordination
- ▶ Siting standards

Priority setting / Future meeting items

September — Overflow

- ▶ Follow-ups
- ▶ New issues
- ▶ Additional topics

October/November — Drafting

- ▶ Compile findings
- ▶ Write & revise report

Priority setting / Future meeting items

December — Hearing #1

- ▶ Present findings
- ▶ Solicit feedback
- ▶ 30-day public comment period

January 2027 — Hearing #2

- ▶ Finalize recommendations
- ▶ Compile community resources

Priority setting / Future meeting items

February 2027 — Closeout

- ▶ Final report issued
- ▶ Committee wrap up

Public Comment

- ▶ Website currently under development: <https://danecountyplanning.com/ACDC>



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