



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Tree Board

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

3:45 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Lyman Anderson building 5201 Fen Oak Dr; Meeting Room Driftless (121); attend virtually via Zoom

A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:47pm

Present 8 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, LAURA WYATT, MATT NOONE, CORY RICH, CATHY BRODBECK, TIERNEY BOCSI, KATE KENDZIORA, and Supervisor BRIANA FRANK

Excused 1 - TEDWARD ERKER

Others Present: Lisa Johnson, Brian Wahl (4:04pm), Alves excused

B. Consideration of Minutes

2025 MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2025, TREE BOARD MEETING
MIN-461

Attachments: [2025 MIN-461](#)

A MOTION to accept minutes was made by RITT, seconded by BOCSI. MOTION passed (8-0).

C. Tree Board Operating Agreement

No change

D. Project and General Updates

1 - Member Update and New DCTB Member Announcement - Briana Frank has joined the Board. WYATT will be retiring from the Board. The Board thanks her for her many years of service. WYATT will submit a resignation letter to Johnson.

ERKER joins 3:51pm.

2 - DCTB Apparel Purchase and 2025 Budget Update - Apparel was submitted with Madison Top Company, budget spent out for 2025. RITT paid for her own, will see if can reimburse in 2026.

Present 9 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, LAURA WYATT, MATT NOONE, CORY RICH, CATHY BRODBECK, TIERNEY BOCSI, TEDWARD ERKER, KATE KENDZIORA, and Supervisor BRIANA FRANK

3 - 2026 Work Plan Update Subgroup met to discuss on December 8. Identified things to accomplish for 2026 and will identify members and staff to take on various tasks. ERKER reviewed the Work Plan Project List with Board members. Potential projects include career fair, tree preservation ordinance, Arbor Day events, tree cribs project (transition so the Board can phase the program into one led by schools - NOONE working on curriculum). NOONE wants assistance to create a curriculum and crib plans for use statewide. Land and Water and Parks for existing youth events brainstorm ideas; youth workforce coordinator recently hired by LWRD. Discussion on combining all events (career fair, Arbor Day, LWRD/Parks events) into an events subgroup since most have a youth focus.

Preservation: BRODBECK, RITT, FRANK, Wahl, NOONE. **NOONE is lead.**

Events: KENDZIORA, Johnson career and Arbor Day, NOONE and RICH - career fair. **RICH is lead.**

Tree Cribs: BOCSI, FRANK, ERKER, NOONE maybe Wahl as backup.
ERKER is lead.

BRODBECK leaves at 4:39pm.

NOONE will make a list of projects he has done to assist with farming out responsibilities for next meeting.

Present 8 - Supervisor MICHELE RITT, LAURA WYATT, MATT NOONE, CORY RICH, TIERNEY BOCSI, TEDWARD ERKER, KATE KENDZIORA, and Supervisor BRIANA FRANK

Excused 1 - CATHY BRODBECK

E. Discussion Items

- 1 - 2026 Work Plan Project List Suggestions and Approval
- 2 - 2026 Work Plan Project Groups
- 3 - DCTB Division of Labor in Leadership

F. Action Items

- 1 - Work Groups Schedule Initial Meetings
- 2 - Work Groups Update 2026 Work Plan Document

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1/20/2026 at 3:45 pm. Location to be determined.

H. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

None

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

J. Adjourn

A MOTION was made by WYATT, seconded by NOONE. The MOTION passed (8-0).
The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Johnson, pending board approval.