



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.

Thursday, January 8, 2026

5:30 PM Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at 5201 Fen Oak Drive
Moraine Room; attend virtually via zoom.

See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public testimony.

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

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The January 8, 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.

The public can attend in person at Moraine Conference Room, 1st Floor, 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Madison, WI 53718.

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

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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 Chawla called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Youth governance member excused: Sophia Pientka

Others present: Chad Haanen, Derek Wallace, Carousel Bayrd, Claire Strader

Committee staff present: Laura Hicklin

Present: 4 - YOGESH CHAWLA, PATRICK DOWNING, KERRY MARREN and COLIN BARUSHOK

Excused: 1 - STEVEN PETERS

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2025 MIN-453](#) Minutes of the December 3, 2025 Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Sponsors: Environment and Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Attachments: [EANR 12-3-25](#)

A motion was made by MARREN that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

C. Fund Transfers

1. [2025 FTR-030](#) 2026 CO-FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION DIRECTOR

Attachments: [2025 FTR-030 FUND TRANSFER](#)

Derek Wallace spoke neither in support nor opposition of the fund transfer and questioned how disciplinary action would be handled for the three Extension staff, with focus on the two clerical staff, that are Dane County employees when the Director is a University of Wisconsin employee.

A motion was made by BARUSHOK that the Fund Transfer be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2025 RES-260](#) APPROVAL OF 2026 CROP LEASES ON COUNTY LAND

Sponsors: CHAWLA and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-260](#)
[2025 RES-260 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-260 CROP LEASES](#)

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

2. [2025 RES-280](#) AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Sponsors: MILES and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-280](#)
[2025 RES-280 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-280 CONTRACT #16102](#)

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

3. [2025
RES-281](#) ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM CLEAN FUEL DANE LLC

Sponsors: CHAWLA, ENGELBERGER and POSTLER

Attachments: [2025 RES-281](#)
[2025 RES-281 FISCAL NOTE](#)

Derek Wallace spoke neither in support nor opposition to the resolution and questioned if the funding would be used to hire new LTEs at a time when employee group 720 is advocating for permanent, full-time positions.

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

4. [2025
RES-282](#) ACCEPTANCE OF A STATE OF WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES LAKE MONITORING & PROTECTION GRANT

Sponsors: CHAWLA, ENGELBERGER and POSTLER

Attachments: [2025 RES-282](#)
[2025 RES-282 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-282 CONTRACT #16077](#)

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

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

F. Presentations

G. Reports to Committee

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

K. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

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

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