



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Food Council

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

5:30 PM

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

A. Call To Order

Chair **WARNER** called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Present 8 - CARL CHENOWETH, Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG, ERICA
JANISCH, DANIEL CORNELIUS, SEBASTIAN HASSELL, ADDI FAERBER, and
RICHELLE ANDRAE

Excused 1 - KERRY MARREN

Others Present: Diya Chilukuri, Jess Guffey Calkins

Joined by Zoom: NENNIG, ANDRAE, HASSELL, CORNELIUS, JANISCH,
CHENOWETH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2026](#)
[MIN-030](#)

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2026, FOOD COUNCIL MEETING

Attachments: [2026 MIN-030](#)

A motion was made by FAERBER, seconded by JANISCH, to approve the minutes.

All in favor, motion carries (8-0).

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

D. Reports to Committee

Regular Business Reports

- Dane County Food Action Plan - WARNER, Guffey Calkins

Dane County Food System Action Plan is being assembled; it will be released this summer.

Building off of the Food System Action Plan work - funded primarily by a USDA Regional Food System Partnership (RFSP) Planning grant, a proposal is being developed to apply for a USDA RFSP Implementation grant to implement the Food System Action Plan goals. The application is due June 5, 2026.

- Foodshed Partnership Project - FAERBER

There will be an open house this summer - date pending.

- Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc - CORNELIUS

CORNELIUS presented at a WI Food Hub super transport event. DCFC can be thinking about how local efforts can connect into regional work.

- Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty; Community Gardens - Nicholas Leete via Guffey Calkins

No report

- Food Access; Double Dollars Program - FAERBER

2026 USDA Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program (GusNIP) grant application period just opened.

- Public Health Madison & Dane County; City of Madison Business Development - Nick Heckman via Guffey Calkins

No report

- Extension/Dane County - Guffey Calkins

Shelly Shaw was hired as the new Extension Dane County Director:

<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/2026/05/05/dane-county-welcomes-a-new-extension-director/>.

Upcoming educational events are listed on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website: <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>.

DCFC Action Plan reports

- Policy - CHENOWETH

No report

- Food Access and Equity (PI) - JANISCH, NENNIG

Dane County Awards \$35,200 Through 2026 Partners in Community Food Grant Program: <https://www.danecounty.gov/PressDetail/11864>

- Community Engagement - WARNER

No report

- Organizational Capacity
No report

- Food System Resource Recommendations
No report

Council Discussion

- DCFC focus and future direction
DCFC held a productive discussion about DCFC's focus and future direction.
The discussion will be continued at future meetings.

E. Announcements

FAERBER: Farm Fresh Atlas will be available soon - contact REAP Food Group for copies.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

June 17, 2026, 6pm

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

H. Adjourn

A motion was made by HASSELL, seconded by FAERBER, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carries (8-0). The meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending council approval.