



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

EV Advisory Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, July 21, 2025

1:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the City County
Building (210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 351) or
virtually via Zoom.

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

A. Call To Order

Staff Present: Nicole Dewitt

Others Present: Kari Gehrke (Alliant Energy), Sonali Bhikha (Sustain
Dane)

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Kuntz at 1:02 p.m.

Present 16 - ROSE DAILY, PHIL GRUPE, LYNN MCDANIEL, JOSH GALASSO, HANNAH
JANSEN, GREGG MAY, KATHY KUNTZ, KAREN MENEDEZ-COLLER, DAPHNE
XU, DAVID LONSDORF, EDWARD LEE, ERINN MONORE-NYE, ANDREW
BREMER, CRISTINA CARVAJAL, SAMANTHA WORDEN, and STEPHANIE
ROBINSON

Excused 1 - JIM SCHWINGLE

B. Consideration of Minutes

A motion was made by WORDEN, seconded by CARVAJAL, that the minutes from
May 19, 2025 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

1. [2025](#) DRAFT Minutes from previous meeting (May 19, 2025)

[MIN-187](#)

Attachments: [DRAFT Minutes from previous meeting \(May 19, 2025\).pdf](#)

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

1. Federal Funding Update

Kathy Kuntz provided an update on federal government funding for EV charging
station construction. Our Charge Up Dane County program is funded under the
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) program whereas the State of

Wisconsin Department of Transportation received funds under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) formula program. Both NEVI and CFI were part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and new obligations under both programs were frozen earlier this year by the new federal administration. (That freeze affects our construction funding, not our planning funds.) Seventeen states including Wisconsin sued the federal government to unfreeze the NEVI funds and the states won--so WisDOT now has full access to their funds for high-speed charging, which means more stations will proceed under the Wisconsin Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (WEVI) funding. The NEVI decision does not directly impact CFI grantees so it is still unclear how US DOT will respond when Charge Up Dane County and other similar efforts submit their requests for construction dollars. It is likely that a few other CFI grantees will submit requests for construction dollars before us and as they do we will know more about the status of construction funds. Kathy said she was encouraged by the NEVI decision and that she would keep the Advisory Commission updated as she learned more about the status of CFI funding.

Kathy Kuntz also indicated there was an event scheduled in Mt. Horeb for the WEVI-funded high speed charging stations installed there with the assistance of an earlier federal grant. The event is open to the public and will be held on Saturday, August 16 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Mt. Horeb Kwik Trip located on Ridgeview Road. Members were encouraged to attend.

2. [2025](#) Status of Site Host Selection
[PRES-065](#)

Attachments: [Site Host RFP Update.pdf](#)

Kathy Kuntz spoke on this agenda item and reviewed the "Status of Site Host Selection" attachment. In total, 57 applications were received in response to the RFP. Of these, 51 met our criteria and our contracted design firm is in the process of performing a desktop review. Thereafter, the design firm will visit each site for a more detailed evaluation. This will allow us to prioritize sites that clearly meet all criteria and create a preliminary design, generate a cost estimate and conduct environmental review before submitting to FHWA-WI to request the associated construction funds. After this initial batch we will perform the same steps for more complicated sites. Questions and concerns were then discussed and are summarized below:

- We plan on issuing another RFP mid- to late-August; this round will focus on areas where we do not yet have coverage; we will rely on members to assist with outreach. The RFP will remain open for about 8 weeks. The EV Advisory Commission will next meet September 15 so we can provide a status update at that time regarding the number and distribution of applicants. Site host selections will be made by Dane County Staff.
- Rural communities have been hesitant to apply because of unknown future costs. More education and outreach may help clarify.
- We anticipate the design firm will complete site visits within the next month.
- We need to be thoughtful about the timing of the RFP for construction of sites. There will be separate RFPs for equipment and installation and we can prepare these in advance and have them ready to go after we get a commitment from the federal government for reimbursement.

3. [2025](#) Final Design Construction Efforts
[PRES-066](#)

Attachments: [Station Construction Considerations.pdf](#)

Kathy Kuntz spoke on this agenda item and reviewed the “Final Design Construction Efforts” attachment. This document outlines the advantages and disadvantages of a single vendor approach. There was some discussion related to cost, service periods, and goals with speakers generally supporting a single-vendor approach. There was also Commission interest in exploring how we could enhance workforce development requirements associated with the construction and maintenance contracts associated with the program. Relative to vendor selection, some Advisory Commission members expressed interest in being involved in that procurement and Kathy said she would explore that. For now, Kathy asked members to think about what we want from station vendors and to further contemplate the single vs. multiple vendor approach.

E. Reports to Committee

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Meetings for the remainder of 2025 have been scheduled and dates/times are posted on Legistar. Meeting invites will be sent to commission members.

1. September 15, 2025 (1:00 - 2:30 p.m.)
2. November 17, 2025 (1:00 - 2:30 p.m.)

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by LONSDORF, seconded by MAY, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Dewitt, pending committee approval.