



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, March 20, 2024

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Lyman
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A. Call To Order

- Present** 6 - Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, ERICA JANISCH, SEBASTIAN HASSELL, and ADDI FAERBER
- Excused** 3 - CARL CHENOWETH, Supervisor MICHELE RITT, and DANIEL CORNELIUS

OTHERS PRESENT: YGP member Aariya Gopal, YGP member Hannah Machleidt, Jess Guffey Calkins, Melissa Bublitz

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#) 2.28.2024 FOOD COUNCIL MINUTES
[MIN-555](#)

Attachments: [2023 MIN-555](#)

A motion was made by ANDRAE, seconded by JANISCH, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

C. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Some members of the public registered to join or comment, but they haven't joined the meeting.

- Present** 7 - Chair BILL WARNER, Vice Chair SHIRLEY NENNIG, Supervisor RICHELLE ANDRAE, ERICA JANISCH, DANIEL CORNELIUS, SEBASTIAN HASSELL, and ADDI FAERBER
- Excused** 2 - CARL CHENOWETH, and Supervisor MICHELE RITT

D. Action Items

*A discussion was held about the final draft of the 2024-2025 DCFC Action Plan
DCFC 2024-2025 Action Plan Final Draft*

[2023](#)
[PRES-223](#)

DCFC 2024-2025 ACTION PLAN FINAL MARCH 2024

Attachments: [2023 PRES-223](#)

A motion was made by JANISCH, seconded by NENNIG, that the DCFC Action Plan be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

E. Reports to Committee

Regular Business Reports

- *Regional Food Plan (Regional Food System Partnership grant) – WARNER, Guffey Calkins*

RFSP/Food Plan project is in early planning phases. Project manager is Noah Bloedorn at REAP. Bill and Jess are involved on the core team, and will provide regular updates to DCFC, as well as share information about input/feedback opportunities.

- *Wisconsin Food Systems, Inc – CORNELIUS, FAERBER*

WFS submitted a RFSI grant to expand digital infrastructure for food buying.

Addi – future month: have a conversation about awarded-RFSI grants in our community.

FAERBER – Another RFSI grant being submitted is a partnership between REAP Food Group, Community Action Coalition, and Pasture & Plenty to create a terminal market warehouse where growers can rent space for cold storage, aggregation, a full minimal vegetable processing line, and food waste recovery.

- *Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty; Community Gardens – Guffey Calkins*
Regional Ag & Food Sovereignty (RAFS) meetings are open to all: 2nd Fridays, 1-2:30, zoom.

Rooted's community gardens team, along with staff from Marbleseed, Groundswell Conservancy, and Fairshare CSA coalition, are partnering with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Dane County Land Conservation District, and UW-Madison Extension Dane County to host a group visit to the USDA Service Center in Madison on April 9th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Madison, WI 53718. This visit will provide an introduction to farm loans, grants, conservation and financial assistance programs, and insurance and disaster assistance specifically for new and minority farmers, and specialty crop farmers. Land ownership is not a requirement to participate in these programs. Refreshments will be served. Interpretation services will be available in HMoob and Spanish. Other language interpretation is available upon request at registration. Additional information and registration is available at <https://www.gofarmconnect.org/event-details-registration/dane-county-usda-office-visit-intro-to-federal-ag-programs>. The event will be facilitated by Go Farm Connect contractors, including Nicholas Leete and KO Thao. These Connectors and USDA staff will be available during the event to help answer questions, and will follow up with attendees afterward. For more questions, please contact KO Thao at 608-338-6982.

- *Food Access; Double Dollars Program – ANDRAE*

ANDRAE – the statewide Nutrition Incentive Bill passed the Senate last Tuesday. The governor is expected to sign it in the next couple weeks.

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- City of Madison Business Development Specialist
No report

- Public Health Madison & Dane County – Nick Heckman via Guffey Calkins
The recent partial budget bill passed by Congress and signed by President Biden provided full funding to the WIC program. Prior to this, it was unclear if WIC would be funded at a flat or reduced rate, which would have caused the program challenges in serving all eligible families.

The Wisconsin Legislature has passed a statewide nutrition incentive bill, modeled in part after programs like Double Dollars in Madison and Dane County. This will generate new resources available for nutrition incentive programs across the state.

- Extension/Dane County – Guffey Calkins
Join for one or all of the Food Entrepreneurship Ecosystems Development Initiative (FEED) Webinars! These are organized by the UW-Madison Extension Community Food Systems Program. The FEED webinars are no-cost virtual workshops for small-scale food and farming business start-ups during Mondays in April: from April 1st to April 29th, 2-3pm. More information is on the FEED Webinars webpage:
<https://foodsystems.extension.wisc.edu/2024-webinar-series/>

Council Discussion

- PIE Grants
Review team will meet Friday 3/22 to finalize grant decisions. There will also be a debriefing meeting scheduled for April.

- Youth Governance Program project
Machleidt – the project scope is being finalized.

F. Announcements

Guffey Calkins – Dane County Food Council/Madison Food Policy Council didn't receive Better Food Policy Fund grant.
CORNELIUS – The Great Lakes Midwest Regional Food Business Center will distribute over \$10 million throughout the region through technical assistance and Business Builder grants – information is forthcoming.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: 4/17/2024

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by NENNIG, seconded by ANDRAE, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jess Guffey Calkins, pending council approval