

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DANE COUNTY  
ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Date & Time:** Monday, August 12, 2013, 5:45 p.m.

**Location:** 5201 Fen Oak Drive – Room 221  
Madison, WI 53718

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Members Present: Carl Chenoweth, J. Patrick Downing, Ronn Ferrell, Melanie Hampton, Leland Pan

Members Excused:

Youth Gov Members Absent: Brianna Aviles, Martha Longley

Staff present: Kevin Connors, Brian Standing

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Downing at 5:47 p.m.

2. Approve Meeting Minutes of July 29, 2013

**Motion by Pan, second by Chenoweth, to approve the meeting minutes of July 29, 2013.**

**MC 5-0**

3. Public Comment - None

4. Announcements - None

5. Comprehensive Plan Review

The agricultural, natural and cultural resources recommendations for the Comprehensive Plan was reviewed and discussed with Brian Standing, Senior Planner. Adopted in 2007, County ordinances require the plan be updated every 5 years. Following are recommendations by consensus.

Pg 39, 2- New objective: Provide for a wide variety of sustainable, outdoor recreational activities, including, but not limited to: hiking, fishing, cross country skiing, hunting and trapping, boating, wildlife viewing, camping and bicycling. Continue to diversify funding sources for land acquisitions and maintain eligibility for state, federal and other matching grant programs. To the extent possible, use funding sources appropriate to the conservation objectives of the particular resource. Balance grant program requirements, restrictions or provisions to allow particular uses against the sensitivity of the particular resource, public safety and other conservation goals.

Pg. 47, #6: Work to develop viable, affordable options for rural farm families needing health insurance. Responsible entity: Health and Human Needs.

Pg. 47, #6: Recommend new title for tasks A – G , recommendation: Continue to support Dane County Food Council.

Pg. 53, #8, b: Rewrite: Create financial incentives for grasslands, wetlands and other native communities... Status 2013: ongoing.

New: Pg. 53, 8 f: Create financial incentives for private owners of woodlands to maintain large contiguous blocks of forest lands that minimize boundary conflicts.

New: Pg. 53, 8 g: Continue to develop and implement the Yahara WINS Adaptive Management program in partnership with the Madison Metropolitan Sewage District, other point sources, City of Madison, along with other MS 4's to reduce phosphorus and sediment for compliance with the Rock River TMOG and improve water quality in the Yahara chain of lakes.

Pg. 61, #8: Replace with: Conduct research and development practices along with review of policies, practices to develop a balanced hydrologic water budget that protects and enhances both ground and surface waters of Dane County.

Pg. 63, #14: Develop a wildlife management plan that addresses both aquatic and terrestrial: endangered, threatened, native and invasive species. Status 2013: Ongoing.

New: Pg. 63, #14 a: Continue to work with local municipalities to implement the Emerald Ash Borer and Wood Utilization Plan. Status 2013: Ongoing.

New: Pg. 63, #14 b: Continue in partnership with cooperating agencies implementing aquatic invasive monitoring and education efforts in Dane County.

6. Set Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2013 at 5:45 pm.

7. Adjourn

**Motion by Chenoweth, second by Pan, to adjourn.**

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Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

*Kevin Connors - Recorder*

Note: These minutes are the notes of the recorder and are subject to review at a subsequent meeting of the committee