

Minutes
Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee Meeting
April 13, 2026

Committee Members Present: Miguel Pena, Lori Whitman, Kaci Coconate, Mary Nervig, Glenn Schwabe

Committee Members Absent: Alisa Leamy, Michael Allen

Staff Present: Lee Igl, Public Works Director; Kong Thao, Associate Planner; Phil McDade, Utility Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman Miguel Pena called the joint meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

No public appearances.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting.

Motion by Pena, second by Coconate, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025, Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

4. BUSINESS

a. Discussion and action on a recommendation to the Village Board for continuation of the Dane County Waste & Renewables food scraps compost program.

Thao and Igl reviewed the county food scraps program with the committee. McFarland, at its Public Works building on Terminal Drive, serves as one of seven drop-off sites in the county for food scraps. County staff members who work on the renewable program take the food scraps from McFarland to a food compost site periodically throughout the year. The county-run program began with funding from a federal grant, but those funds are no longer available. The cost to the village for continuing to participate in the program for the remainder of 2026 would be \$3,072, with annual costs after that totaling approximately \$5,300.

Motion by Pena, second by Coconate, to recommend to the Village Board continuation of the Dane County Waste & Renewables food scraps compost program until the end of 2026 in the amount of \$3,072. Motion passed 5-0.

b. Update regarding the 2026 Arbor Day celebration event.

Igl provided the committee with information on the annual event, held at the Lewis Park Shelter April 24. Events include a tree seedling giveaway, information on McFarland's tree-planting programs, and instructions for planting trees.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Pena motioned to adjourn; Coconate seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.