

SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Tuesday, APRIL 28, 2026 at 7:00 PM
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

1) Call to order

Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present: White, Grabe, Saltes, Roethle. Members Absent: Best and Fendrick

2) Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items*

None

3) Consent Agenda

- a. Consideration of April 2026 Meeting Minutes
- b. Green Team Update

Motion by Beheler to recommend approval of the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Grabe Motion carried.

4A) Discussion on budgeting to address Village Energy Plan for Solar and Fleet

P&F Committee member Mike Healy addressed the committee on process of budgeting to address priorities presented in Village Energy Plan formulated from municipal energy audit. Budgeting will be addressed at future Personal and Finance Committee on May 6.

4B) Discussion of Travel WI Travel Green Initiative program

Committee heard from Mount Horeb Chamber President Allison Plumer and Tourism Committee Member Elizabeth Grabe on the State DNR Travel Green Program. The program allows businesses to apply using selected metrics for green initiatives achieved. Businesses can use the designation for promotional purposes.

(Travel Green Wisconsin is not administered by the Wisconsin DNR. WI Dept of Tourism is admin for Travel Green WI <https://industry.travelwisconsin.com/promote/travel-green>)

4C) Bike Friendly Community

Committee Member Roethle presented both update on plan and application for designation. East-west and North-South routes were presented, as well as discussion on sidewalk and crosswalk access and safety improvement was discussed. When the application is made, BFC will review and offer accolades for progress suggestions of improvements which should be addressed.

4D) Bird City (BC) Designation

Committee member Beheler recapped of the BC presentation at Stewart Park. Discussion was had concerning sign placement and where progress could be made. Feral Cat ordinance and light pollution were two items mentioned. Also discussion on programming for BC and contacting MHPLibrary for cohosting the event.

5E) Clean sweep discussion

Committee Member White introduced the idea of a yearly village wide "Clean Sweep event allowing residents to dispose of chemicals and poisons safely. The village would collect and drop off at County facility on the far east side of Madison.

5) Future Agenda Items Bike Friendly Community, further discussion on clean sweep and Bird City updates, discussion of State Grants for Solar with a June deadline.

6) Meeting adjournment.

Motion by Grabe to adjourn, seconded by Roethle. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.