

## **TOWN BOARD MEETING, April 28, 2026**

**PRESENT:** Chair Dick Green, Supervisors Eric Olson, Melanie Miller, Faith Schuck, Renee Gouaux and Clerk/Treasurer Maria Hougan.

### **ABSENT:**

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Laura Hicklin, Dane County, 5201 Fenn Oak Dr., Alex DeSmidt, Dan County Parks, 4218 Robertson Rd., Joleen Stetson, Dane Co. Parks, 4318 Robertson Rd., Kerry Marren, Dane Co. Supervisor, Clement Abongwa, Dane Co. Highway, Jeremy Rach, Dane Co. Highway, Mike Engelberger, Dane Co. Supervisor

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

He stated he called this special meeting to order to discuss the lower Yahara River bike trail plans.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Board listens to residents speak on any issue (three-minute time limit)  
No one spoke during the public comment period.

### **BUSINESS.**

#### **Discussion and possible action regarding a meeting with the Dane County Board Supervisors regarding the Yahara River Bike Trail.**

Chair Green reported out the town is planning construction on the lower portion of Williams Dr. next year. Do they need to plan on making the road wide enough for a bike trail on each side of the road, and asked if the bike trail was still going in, or if it is going somewhere else? The town needs some answers for future planning.

Alex DeSmidt, with Dane County Parks gave a presentation and stated the lower Yahara bike trail has been in the works for several years. Some phases have been completed but there is still more to do. The trail is now connected to the state park and that is as far as they have gone for now. A discussion was held regarding the railroad, with Chair Green noting it would be helpful for cooperation from the rail road. A discussion took place on the bridge replacement and when bridges are eligible for funding.

There was a discussion regarding the "S" curve on Williams Dr. It is not likely Williams Dr. in that area along the "S" curve would be widened due to the location and visibility issues. Alex referred to that area as the area with the highest stress rating.

Further Discussion followed.

Clerk/Treasurer Hougan left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

It was determined there could be a five-foot bike lane on each side of Williams Dr. The speed limit could be reduced to 35mph. The drive lane would be 12-foot wide. A letter of support should be drafted.

The meeting ended at 4:50 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Maria "Pili" Hougan  
Clerk/Treasurer  
Dick Green  
Town Chair