



MEETING SUMMARY

Climate Protection Action Committee
Monthly Appointee Meeting
Friday, June 7, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.
Hybrid meeting: In-person & Zoom

Appointees Present: Josey Kline; Bob Petrulis, Joyce Rose-Harris, Julie Seel, David Voyles, Dennis Wiehl.

Appointees Absent: Benjamin Marasites (unexcused)

Others Present: Robert Anderson, Mary Pat Baldauf, Jory Fleming, Clint Shealy, Samantha Yager.

Bob Petrulis called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

In the interest of his time, Clint Shealy was moved to the top of the agenda for his report on Resolution 2.0 items to track. Clint reported as follows:

Regarding the energy audits RPOs, five made the cut. Next up, four will be chosen to receive the RFP. They need to figure out how to work in the 60 day multi-stakeholder input. A project manager has been hired to help with the process.

Procurement of non-combustion-based renewable energy has been left wide open to leave room for rooftop solar and solar at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Next Clint gave an update on the biogas project. They need to move rapidly to take advantage of the direct pay that ends in December 2024.

There is a two and a half to three year construction window to restore the canal and hydroplant. That will create up to 10 mws of non-combustion-based renewable energy, depending on the flow of the water.

Seeing we had some new people, Bob then called for introductions around the table. Clint started as he left. Before starting, the group approved the minutes from the last meeting. Joyce Rose-Harris said that her name should be hyphenated. Gretchen made a motion to approve the minutes; Dennis second. The minutes were approved pending the change.

Gretchen reminded everyone that now that CPAC is aligning with the new Boards and Commissions handout, that attendance is being tracked and reported back to the Boards and Commissions Office. Gretchen added that the first meeting of the month is the official meeting, and that is the one to be most concerned about. Excused absence means that you called the office to report your absence; unexcused means you just didn't show up.

Introductions were completed.

Bob reported that appointee Shelley Sasser had submitted her resignation due work things. This now brings the number of open seats to three. Please encourage City residents who may be interested in serving should apply through Matchboard.

Dennis updated the group on research he'd been doing on solar at Richland School District One.

Mary Pat updated the group on the Bloomberg Youth Action Grants, a \$50,000 grant pass through of grants \$1500-\$5000. It has been a challenge to reach young people since the grant wasn't announced until after school was out, but we already have eight applications. We're doing everything we can to get the word out, including news interviews and targeted recruitment. Dennis has a list of area camps that he'll share with Mary Pat.

Bob reported that in addition to the open seats, the office of vice chairman is also open. Dennis Wiehl agreed to give it a trial run until the standing officer election in January.

The next working meeting will be on the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant and related climate action planning.

Mary Pat reported that the Speaking Sustainability open rate was 40.8 % in June with a 9.4% click rate. The most popular click was the Richland County Ag and Art Tour ad. She also reported that she had been working a lot on grants, including the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant, the USDA "Beat the Heat – Plant a Tree" and Bloomberg Youth Climate Action Program.

In New Business/Old Business, Dennis Wiehl shared Getting to Smart Growth: 100 Policies for Implementation. Bob suggested this might be good for a sub-group to look at, an ad-hoc study group if you will. Gretchen asked if CPAC would be willing to purchase two books for this group, and Robert agreed. Mary Pat will get with Sara Hollar to have them ordered.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.