



MONROE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
&
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monroe County Commissioners

812 349-2550
Courthouse, Room 315
Bloomington, IN 47404

Dave Parsons, Chair
Terry Usrey, Vice Chair
Jerrold Ulrey, Secretary

5:30-7:00 pm
Nat U. Hill Meeting Room
Monroe County
Courthouse

"The Monroe County Environmental Quality & Sustainability Commission will provide education, advice, and encouragement to residents, local businesses, organizations, and county government to adopt practices and develop policies that preserve and strengthen Monroe County's economy, ecology, social justice and health initiatives."

January 14, 2015

MINUTES (in boldface type)

- I. Call to Order – **The meeting was called to order by Chair Dave Parsons at 5:44pm.**
- II. Roll Call – **Attending were Steve Cordell, Dave Parsons, Jerry Ulrey, Bob Austin, Annelise Huber, and Jacqui Bauer. A quorum was present.**
- III. Public Comment (5 minute limit) – **None.**
- IV. Community Presentation – **None.**
- V. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes from December 10, 2014 meeting – **The minutes were accepted as presented.**
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Monroe County Energy Challenge – **Jacqui Bauer - GUEP competition was officially announced by Georgetown University today, with the Monroe County Energy Challenge being accepted in the semi-final round – the only community in Indiana participating. The Monroe County Energy Challenge will kick-off with Martin Luther King Day service projects. Jacqui had an interview today with WGCL radio. Will pass out information at the winter Farmers' Market this Saturday. Bob Austin – lots of different locations around the county received posters and handouts related to the MCEC today. We should be sure to engage the county offices regarding MCEC – to be sure they are aware of its goals. On January 21st, everybody from the schools will meet to discuss MCEC. Jerry Ulrey – the Data Committee met this week and will focus on the first quarter data collection effort with the utility data representatives.**
 - b. Annual Report – **A small group met before the holidays to discuss preparation of the Annual Report. The team will meet again soon. Annual report components first draft responsibilities were distributed as follows: Letter from the Chair and 2015 Activities – Dave Parsons, Yearend Review and 2014 meetings – Jerry Ulrey and Annelise Huber, 2014 County Initiatives – Dave and Annelise, County Accomplishments – Annelise. Cover photo needs to be considered as well.**

VII. New Business – None. The Chair requested that the Commission members submit ideas to him regarding 2015 activities of the Commission, beyond MCEC and initiating development of a Climate Action Plan development for the County.

VIII. Reports from Working Groups

- a. Thomson Property – **Nothing new to report at this time.**
- b. Energy – **Focus in the next couple of months will be on the production of the Annual Report. This working group will also look at other aspects of the implementation of the Monroe County Comprehensive Energy Plan in the coming year.**

IX. Reports from Represented Organizations

- a. City of Bloomington – **Jacqui Bauer – the big focus is on implementation of the MCEC. Also, don't forget that the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Bike Ride is coming in February.**
- b. Indiana University – **None.**
- c. Monroe County Soil and Water – **None.**
- d. Monroe County Government – **Annelise Huber – The solar panels are now being installed on the Justice building.**

X. Adjournment – **The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.**

Next Meeting Date: 5:30pm, Wednesday February 11, 2015 in the Nat U. Hill Room, Monroe County Courthouse