



MONROE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
&
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Monroe County Commissioners

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Courthouse, Room 315
Bloomington, IN 47404

Dave Parsons, Chair
Bob Austin, Vice Chair
Kristin Brethova, 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."

December 9, 2015

- I. Call to Order:** Meeting is called to order at 5:39pm by Dave Parsons.
- II. Roll Call:** Dave Parsons, Bob Austin, Peter Iversen, Jerry Ulrey, Megan Darnley, Jacqui Bauer, Ryan Cobine. A quorum is present.
- III. Public Comment:** None.
- IV. Community Presentation:** None
- V. Approval of Minutes**
Not available - will be addressed in January 2016 meeting.
- VI. Old Business**
Monroe County Energy Challenge –

Jacqui Bauer is Interviewing for an Energy Outreach Coordinator This is a full-time, one-year position, made possible by a generous grant from Partners for Places, as well as matching funds from the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County and Duke Energy. Also, this upcoming Sunday is weatherization training for ICEY teenagers. And, this Sunday, energy assessments will be made from 12:30 – 5:00pm. Finally, the next MCEC task force meeting will be January 12, 2016 at 9:30am at the Utilities Building.

Bob Austin – Education Committee. The Educator Workshop on energy efficiency was successfully held. Also, 2 students attended the Education Committee's most recent meeting as new members of the Committee.

Jerry Ulrey – Data Committee – Georgetown is still having difficulty with the Performance Dashboard showing the relative performances of the 50 communities. They have promised yet another version soon. Nolan Hendon, committee member has been working closely with Georgetown and the utilities to ensure proper data and data flow.

Clean Power Plan (CPP) Forum –

Dave Parsons – Email has been received from Janet McCabe, EPA – February 15, 2016 from 6 to 8 pm is the best time for her participation in the CPP. Public Library Auditorium has been reserved. 144 seats, but

parking could be difficult. After later discussion it was decided that Jacqui Bauer would look into the availability of City Hall for the CPP.

Jacqui Bauer will notify Bob Zaltsberg, the moderator. He had indicated that he is available that day. Jacqui will (already has?) notify Ken Richards, the IU Climate Economist. Jacqui also knows and will contact Duke Energy's CPP representative regarding participating in the Forum. Jacqui will forward Hoosier Environmental Council contact information to Jerry Ulrey who will reach out to them or Kerwin Olsen of CAC.

Peter Iverson – Peter will put together a communications plan and calendar. Sometime early in the new year should be a good time to start outreach for the Forum. We will discuss at the next EQuAS meeting on January 13, 2016.

VII. New Business

a. 2016 EQuAS members

Dave Parsons polled the group about continuing participation in EQuAS in 2016. The Commission Appointments are typically made in January such that the new members are able to attend the January or February meeting. Jerry Ulrey indicated that he would not be standing for reappointment to EQuAS in 2016. That would leave a total of 3 positions open, given Terry Robbins earlier resignation and one prior unfilled spot. Dave is also reaching out to the Soil and Water appointee to determine her status for 2016. Officers are elected in February. Dave Parsons indicated that he prefers to not be President in 2016 due to his schedule, but certainly is open to continuing involvement on the Commission and discrete assignments. Further discussion on EQuAS organization will be conducted in the January meeting.

VIII. Reports from Working Groups

a. Thomson Property: Tabled.

b. Energy Savings Opportunities Report:

Dave talked to Clark Sorensen about the status. Next step is to identify the 2012 audit's energy savings recommendations not yet performed by the County. He needs to find out what has been done by Honeywell and/or others on the 2012 recommendations. Megan Darnley said that Honeywell has a dash board of accomplishments, but it is not yet complete. They are aware and are working on it.

IX. Sustainability Tip: None.

X. Reports from Represented Organizations

- a. City of Bloomington: See above discussion in MCEC.
- b. Indiana University: None
- c. Monroe County Soil and Water: None
- d. Monroe County Government: Megan Darnley received 140 responses from her County workplace conservation survey. Focus on Thermostats/office temperatures, maintenance data, etc. Green teams still need to be structured. Would like to expand beyond the County. Also, Curry Building recently received a 93 Energy Star rating.

XI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Next Meeting Date: 5:30pm, Wednesday January 13, 2016.