



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."

June 10, 2015

I. Call to Order: Meeting is called to order at 5:32pm by Dave Parsons, Chair.

II. Roll Call: Jerry Ulrey, Peter Iverson, Jacqui Bauer, Dave Parsons, Bob Austin, Terry Robbins, Clark Sorenson, Kristin Brethova, Ryan Cobine.

III. Public Comment: None.

IV. Community Presentation: None.

V. Approval of Minutes

Typo correction: SRECs, (SCRECs --> remove the 'C')

Clark motions to accept the minutes as corrected, motion passes, no objections.

VI. Old Business

Monroe County Energy Challenge

- We now have the Energy Mobile! It's being scheduled for community events, if you have anything or any community event you'd like to suggest/request the Energy Mobile, let Jacqui know. Visit mocoenergychallenge.org if you want to volunteer, lots of info there too.
- Held their first Energy Ambassador training, nice turn-out of 15 people.
- A couple of funding grants are still in the works.
- Education committee is working on a 2nd survey, but this time of year isn't best for teachers, so they aim to distribute the survey in mid to late July.
- Data committee has been struggling with reporting. City of Bloomington utilities are assisting.

Change to Agenda:

Dave motions to move New Business discussion to the end of the meeting. Motion passes.

VII. Reports from Working Groups

- a. Thomson Property: Nothing to report.
- b. Energy: Nothing to report.

VIII. Sustainability Tip: None this month.

IX. Reports from Represented Organizations

- a. City of Bloomington: MCEC, working on a bond through the modified TIF districts, still working out the projects – couple of solar projects, some lighting upgrades, some other general sustainability items, more to come, working on the list.
- b. Indiana University: Internship Symposium (July 24), and Hoosier to Hoosier Sale (Aug 22).
- c. Monroe County Soil and Water: Representative not present.
- d. Monroe County Government: Nothing to report. Discussion of what to do with energy data in the interim between interns. Ryan requested an example of what one cycle's worth of data is.

X. New Business

Potential Projects

Discussion of topics and projects for 2015 and early 2016. Dave: Is there interest in:

- a. Creating a project for an energy efficient building display at a local home show/builders' expo?
- b. Researching the latest in energy efficient and alternative fuel vehicles?
- c. Doing fact gathering for GHG emissions and sinks in Monroe County?
- d. Are there other suitable projects a commission member would promote?

Jacqui would love to see people take on a role in the Energy Challenge - identify a population or network that we can help them connect to.

Role of the Group

Bob: It seems we're a discussion forum... so what is our role? It's up to individual people to step forward and do things.

Jacqui: Do we want to be a discussion forum? Or are there people who want to get together and do certain things?

What are some opportunity moments? Home inspections, for example, being conscious now of how to continue this beyond the challenge – continue the initiatives, keep people engaged in conservation and sustainability.

Monroe County Fair

HFI (Harrow Fish), and Monroe County Soil and Water. Martha's putting together a green backyard display. Jacqui would also love to sponsor a demolition derby car.

Fund

How much flexibility is there in the fund? – Can we use it to cover the costs of say, incentives on reduced permitting, etc. costs to builders to promote more energy conservation, put that money in with the grant to be matched - \$250 or so expense per home? Discussion of split incentive problem in rental housing.

Volunteers

Explore Energy at the Farmers' Market on June 27th – need volunteers and just people to come.

Jerry needs volunteers for the Energy subcommittee- Clark, Jerry, and Dave have spoken up.

XI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Next Meeting Date: 5:30pm, Wednesday July 8, 2015 in the Nat U. Hill Meeting Room, Monroe County Courthouse.