



MONROE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
&  
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
**Monroe County Commissioners**

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Courthouse, Room 315  
Bloomington, IN 47404

Dave Parsons, Chair  
Terry Usrey, Vice Chair  
Secretary

5:30-7:00 pm  
Showers Building 100B

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*"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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013

- I. Call to Order – 5:31PM
- II. Roll Call: Terry, Ben, Ashley, Ian, Annelise, Louise from City Environmental Commission, Rachel – HT, Dave, Rick, Jacqueline, Senator Stoops
- III. Public Comment (5 minute limit)
- IV. Community Presentation
- V. Approval of Minutes
  - a. October Minutes - Approved
  - b. November Minutes - Approved
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Member recruitment (see member list)
    - a. Elections – February
    - b. Recruitment for membership
    - c. Annual Report 2013 – March
      - i. Energy working group needs to meet for January and February
      - ii. Compare 2010 to 2013 (Sen. Stoops' suggestion)
      - iii. Report to have greater energy use focus
    - d. Thomson Property Discussion
      - i. Proposals need attention so Commissioners can move
        1. Recommendation of EQUAS needed
        2. Chosen proposal must be fairly independent of Commissioners and County
      - ii. Those with funding and ideas: SCAPP (Lettuce Work) and Disc Golf
        1. Move some of these ideas forward with infrastructure grants
        2. Some proposals have very short time frames to work with
        3. Commissioners willing to help on grant side, letters written, planning department, etc
      - iii. Already had an approximate RFI process, RFP process next?
      - iv. Ideas from EQUAS
        1. Sell part of the property in order to fund infrastructure on the property
          - a. Worth of the property, amount that would have to be sold, ability to pay for infrastructure out of this, which part

2. Commissioners willing to put some resources toward this?
  - a. With zero help from Commissioners, can basically only be a park/urban forest
3. SCAPP agreement with Shulte so that funds can be spent just on the greenhouses, utilities, etc rather than on roads

## VII. New Business

## VIII. Reports from Working Groups

- a. Thomson Property
- b. Energy

## IX. Reports from Represented Organizations

- a. City of Bloomington
- b. Indiana University
- c. Monroe County Soil and Water
- d. Monroe County Government
  - i. Solar Zentrum meeting to begin planning work on Justice

Adjournment

7:06PM