

Climate Change Task Force Meeting

Wednesday January 6, 2021

Virtual Meeting Only

1. Call to Order at 9:03 a.m. by Tina Osterberg
2. Welcome and Introductions- see attendees list attached
3. **Presentation:** Cutting-Edge Climate Data in Your Own Backyard - Daniel J. Vimont, Director Nelson Institute Center for Climatic Research, Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI) Co-Director

- Keeling website- <https://keelingcurve.ucsd.edu/>
- Regional Climate Change
 - WICCI mission is to generate and share information that can limit vulnerability to climate change in Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest <https://wicci.wisc.edu/>
 - WI Dept. of Health Services - Building Resilience against climate effects (BRACE) – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, TOOLKITS, VULNERABILITY INDICES <WWW.DHS.WISCONSIN.GOV/CLIMATE/INDEX.HTM>

4. Open Discussion/questions- Multiple conversations and chats held see links below. **Recorded session available on CCTF website.**

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<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2020/05/04/world-heat-conditions-unlivable-global-warming-unabated/3063849001/>

<https://iowafloodcenter.org/projects/iowa-watershed-approach-hydrologic-network-6-2-4-3-2/>

<https://wicci.wisc.edu/infrastructure-working-group/>

<https://grasslandag.org/>

<https://rodaleinstitute.org/>

Growing Climate Solutions Act <https://climatechange.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>

5. Climate Change Initiatives/updates-

Roxie Anderson Update

- Monitor Stations- device testing will be set-up and coordination with NWS to review data management options
- Signage for stations to provide public information about stations and to hopefully deter theft and vandalism will be drafted for review by next meeting.

- Provided updates on Voluntary Buy-out Project with Alison Elliot. Detailed report will be available at next month's meeting.

Bob Micheel Update

- Monitoring Stations- comments that majority of funding is coming from Kickapoo Valley Association – Still looking for donations in the Little La Crosse Watershed. Sharon Folcey with Leon Community Center will take donations on behalf of the Little La Crosse Watershed, address provided in flyer and on the CCTF website.
- Highway Crossing-sub group- evaluating GIS crossing layer developed by Monroe County Hwy Dept. and Land Information. Working to standardize the crossing inventory form across all municipalities in Monroe County. Will have more information at next month's meeting.
- Announced new CCTF items available. Climate Change Task Force logo apparel. Shows the design of stocking hat and long sleeve shirt. Order form with pricing details will be posted on CCTF website and emailed to meeting attendee list. More details to follow.

Ron Luethe Update

Provides webinar details through Wisconsin Land and Water Association: Fish Passage, Flood Resiliency, and Road-Stream Crossings, Thurs Feb 25 from 8:30-12:00 noon. Will send email to everyone with registration link: <https://conta.cc/2LI7XeR>

6. Future Topics and Meeting Schedule

- Review and update CCTF Objectives. Prepare 2021 action plan and prioritize projects/objectives.
- Governors Climate Change Report – Review/update
- Community viewing of the movie "Kiss the Ground"
- Plan watershed/monitoring stations field trip – This will hinge on COVID19 status, potential late summer tour.

7. Next meeting Wednesday February 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourned at 11:00 am by Tina Osterberg

Recorded by Adrian Lockington
Administrative Office Specialist

Monroe County Climate Change Task Force Meeting

Date: 1/6/2021

Monroe County Climate Change Task Force Members

| Name | Title | Agency |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Tina Osterberg | County Administrator | Monroe County |
| Bob Micheel | County Conservationist | Monroe County |
| Alison Elliott | Zoning Administrator | Monroe County |
| Roxie Anderson | Land Use Planner | Monroe County |
| David Ohnstad | Highway Commissioner | Monroe County |
| Jared Tessman | Emergency Management Coordinator | Monroe County |
| Cedric Schnitzler | County Supervisor, District 4 | Monroe County |
| Wally Habegger | County Supervisor, District 5 | Monroe County |
| Al McCoy | County Supervisor, District 1 | Monroe County |
| Dave Pierce | County Supervisor, District 2 | Monroe County |
| Ron Luethe | Town Supervisor | Town of Ridgeville |
| Jack Herricks | Town Chair / MC Farm Bureau President | Town of Jefferson |
| Bill Halfman | Agricultural Agent | UW-Extension |
| John Noble | Fisheries Biologist | Fort McCoy |
| Tonya Townsell | Public Affairs Officer | Fort McCoy |
| Cindy Koperski | Program and Policy Analyst | WI Dept. of Natural Resources |

RED = Absent

Additional Attendees

| Name | Title | Agency |
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| Gillian Pomplun | Reporter | Crawford City Independent |
| Kristen Foehringer | Land Conservation Technician | Buffalo County |
| Mark Van Wormer | Director Public Works | City of Sparta |
| Robert Nigh | WFBF Board Director | Governor's Task Force on Climate Change |
| Marcy West | Executive Director | Kickapoo Valley Reserve |
| Matt Hanewell | Director | La Crosse County LCD |
| Ned Gatzke | Resident | Monroe County |
| Jen Schmitz | County Supervisor, District 15 | Monroe County |
| Joey Esterline | Resident | Monroe County |
| Abbey Nicewander | Planner | MRRPC |
| John Wetenkamp | Hydrologist | National Weather Service |
| Tim Hundt | Representative | U.S. Representative Ron Kind |
| Mike Holland | Representative | U.S. Senator Ron Johnson |
| Gregg Wavrunek | Regional Representative | U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin |
| Mary Henry | Board Supervisor | Vernon County |
| Phil Smith | Resident | Vernon County |
| Dan Baumann | Secretary's Director | WI Dept. of Natural Resources |
| Megan Duffy | Water Reg/Zoning Engineer | WI Dept. of Natural Resources |
| Terry Hansen | Resident | |
| David Banner | Resident | |
| Joe Kromie | Resident | |