

Climate Change Task Force

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Monroe County Board Assembly Room / Virtual

1. Call to Order - Tina Osterberg began the meeting began at 9:03 a.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions – attendance list attached
3. CCTF Updates:
 - Stream Crossing Inventory – Searching for approximately \$10,000 in funding to hire 2 summer interns to continue Monroe County stream crossing inventory that was started in summer 2021. Stream crossing inventory assessment training will be presented at Wisconsin Towns Association meeting.
 - Climate Intersections Conference – North Central Region Water Network will be hosting conference in Duluth, MN July 12-14, 2022. Registration is open <https://northcentralwater.org/climate-intersections-conference/>
4. Monroe County Climate Readiness & Rural Economic Opportunity Assessment – Fred Clark, Green Fire, begins overview of project and partners. Comments on the development stages and finalizations of the project. Still working on finalization of report should be ready by March/April.
 - Rob Montgomery begins presenting and provides information.
 - Heather Stricker begins presenting and provides information.
 - Final Report- currently are in the final editing stages. Two reports will be finalized and the full report and public summary will be presented.
5. Carbon Market Opportunities in Forestry and Agriculture – Bryan Stanek, Compeer Financial, begins presentation on carbon market trends and opportunities for farmers and landowners.
 - Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) are criteria that corporations are meeting to appeal to socially conscious investors and consumers. ESG is one of driving forces of carbon markets.
 - 1 ton of carbon is approximately equivalent to using 100 gallons of gasoline or on average driving 2,500 miles.
 - Capturing methane is another opportunity for carbon market
 - Financial institutions are establishing carbon market programs to serve as “brokers” for farmers willing to enroll land and implement practices that promote carbon sequestration.
6. Next Meeting – Documentary “Kiss the Ground” presented February 28, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Monroe County Assembly Room
7. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Recorded by Adrian Lockington, Administrative Office Specialist

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Date: 2/2/2022

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
Adrian Lockington	Administrative Office Specialist	Monroe County
Bryan Stanek	VP Industry Specialists	Compeer Financial
Carissa Goddeau	Staff Assistant	U.S. Representative Ron Kind
Chad Ziegler	County Forester	Monroe County
Clint Gilman	Forester	WI Dept. of Natural Resources
Dan Baumann	Secretary's Director	WI Dept. of Natural Resources
Doug Rogalla	President	Monroe County Republican Party
Fred Clark	Executive Director	Wisconsin's Green Fire
Gillian Pomplun	Reporter	Crawford City Independent
Gregg Wavrunek	Regional Representative	U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin
Heather Stricker	Membership and Project Support Specialist	Wisconsin's Green Fire
Jake Andrejat	Representative	State Senator Brad Pfaff
Jen Schmitz	County Supervisor, District 15	Monroe County
Jennifer Hauser	Policy Liaison	Wisconsin Wetlands Assoc.
Jim Leverich	Supervisor	Town of Angelo
Joey Esterline	Resident	Monroe County
Kyle Magyera	Local Government Outreach Specialist	Wisconsin Wetlands Association
Matt Hanewell	Director	La Crosse County LCD
Megan Duffy	Water Reg/Zoning Engineer	WI Dept. of Natural Resources
Mike Holland	Representative	U.S. Senator Ron Johnson
Molly Peters	Forecaster	National Weather Service
Ned Gatzke	Resident	Monroe County
Pam Porter	Environmental Policy Advisor	WI Dept. of Natural Resources
Robert Montgomery	Principal Water Resources Engineer	UW Madison