

Climate Change Task Force

Monday, April 4, 2022

Monroe County Board Assembly Room / Virtual

1. Call to Order - Tina Osterberg began the meeting began at 9:02 a.m.
2. Welcome and Introductions – attendance list attached
3. Monroe County Climate Readiness & Rural Economic Opportunity Assessment, Final Report Summary and Recommendations (Fred Clark, Wisconsin’s Green Fire)
 - Presentation of final report summary and recommendations. Materials can be found on the Climate Change Task Force Committee webpage at: <https://www.co.monroe.wi.us/government/county-board-of-supervisors/boards-committees/climate-change-task-force/greenfire-project>
 - Open discussion and Q&A
4. CCTF Updates (Micheel and Anderson):
 - Weather Monitoring Stations – preparing to purchase up to 20 more monitoring stations using grant funding and donation funding. Working with product vendor to finalize a hardware support agreement. Three stations were replaced at no cost due to failure during a firmware update, stations will be installed again this spring.
 - Stream Crossing Inventory – Funding will be provided through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program planning grant that was received for the project titled “Integrating Hazard Mitigation Planning into Monroe County’s Planning Efforts. Monroe County has posted notice for employment opportunity for two summer interns.
 - Tri-Creek Flood Warning System – Update on progress to replace float system and establish monitoring stations.
 - Flood Resilience Scorecard – Monroe County staff representing LCD, EM, and Health & HWY participated in a community (County) questionnaire led by UW-Madison and Dept. Health Services. Results expected in 4-6 weeks, plan to bring results to the CCTF meeting in May or June.
5. Open Discussion –
 - Kickapoo Grazing Initiative – Mary Henry, Vernon County Board Supervisor, provided update on pasture walks/tours that will be provided for free. Schedule of events is posted at www.kickapoograzinginitiative.com
 - Tucker Gretebeck, Monroe County resident/producer – provided update on planting of 1,000 trees that will be completed this spring on his property
6. Next Meeting – May 5, 2022, 1:00pm – 3:00pm at the Monroe County Assembly Room
7. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Recorded by Adrian Lockington, Administrative Office Specialist & LCD Staff

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Date: 4/4/2022

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
Ann Calhoun	Baraboo Hills Project Coordinator	Nature Conservancy
Bobbi Jo Fischer	Environmental Analysis Supervisor	WI Dept. of Natural Resources
Christina Anderson	Climate Specialist	Wisconsin Land and Water
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
Jen Schmitz	County Supervisor, District 15	Monroe County
Jennifer Diamond	Administrative Assistant	Monroe County LCD
Jim Leverich	Supervisor	Town of Angelo
Joey Esterline	Resident	Monroe County
Katie Abbott	County Conservationist	Iowa County
Mary Henry	Board Supervisor	Vernon County
Mary Von Ruden	County Supervisor, District 7	Monroe County
Mike Holland	Representative	U.S. Senator Ron Johnson
Nancy Turyk	UWSP Emeritus	Wisconsin's Green Fire
Nikki Krause	Conservationist	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Robert Montgomery	Principal Water Resources Engineer	UW Madison
Susan Bence	Reporter	Milwaukee Public Radio
Tucker Gretebeck	Resident	Monroe County