

# Climate Change Task Force Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Monroe County Board Room / Virtual

## Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Tina Osterberg
2. Welcome & Introductions – attendance list attached
3. Seeing the Forest for the Trees: Role of Fire in Carbon Dynamics Presentation (Jed Meunier, Fire/Landscape Disturbance Researcher, DNR)  
Presentation provided online: [Climate Change Task Force | Monroe County, WI](#)
4. Nature Based Solutions Presentation (Ryan Burner, PhD Research Wildlife Biologist, USGS)  
Informational Links from presentation: <https://www.usgs.gov/apps/ccvulnerability/> ,  
<https://fundingnaturebasedsolutions.nwf.org/>
5. Updates:
  - Monitoring Stations (Roxie Anderson)
    - Preparing to re-install repaired monitoring stations (3) and re-locate stations (2).
    - Completed data dashboard training and provide user accounts to Monroe and Vernon County staff and other community members
    - Received some updates from NWS and provided comments.
  - Savanna Institute Tour (Bob Micheel)
    - Planning tour to Savanna Institute demonstration farm in Spring Green, WI. Checking potential dates for 1-day tour.
  - Information & Education: Meetings, conferences, webinars, etc. (Bob Micheel)
    - PL566 Study completed by NRCS
    - Village of Norwalk Emergency Action Plan in progress
    - Coon Creek Conservation Day May 6 and Coon Creek Watershed Celebration on Sept. 9 hosted by Coon Creek Community Watershed Council
    - Green Fire Project – upcoming discussion to implement goals
6. Next month's meeting agenda items – to be determined
7. Next meeting will be held June 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Monroe County Board Assembly Room. Dedication of Brinkman's Landing on the La Crosse River to follow meeting.
8. Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Recorded by Adrian Lockington, Administration Executive Assistant

## Climate Change Task Force Meeting Attendees

Date: 4/5/2023

### 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
To Be Filled	Agronomist	Monroe County
Jared Tessman	Emergency Management Coordinator	Monroe County
David Ohnstad	Highway Commissioner	Monroe County
Cedric Schnitzler	County Supervisor, District 1	Monroe County
Joey Esterline	County Supervisor, District 15	Monroe County
Jack Herricks	Town Chair / MC Farm Bureau President	Town of Jefferson
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
Aurora Bergeron	Planner	Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission
Clint Gilman	Forester	WI Dept. of Natural Resources
Dan Baumann	Secretary's Director	WI Dept. of Natural Resources
Drew Czynscon	Forester	WI Dept. of Natural Resources
Erin Spry	Project Specialist	Upper Mississippi River Basin Assoc.
Gillian Pomplun	Reporter	Crawford City Independent
Jed Meunier	Researcher	WI Dept. of Natural Resources
Jen Schmitz	Resident	Monroe County
Jon Bingol	Executive Director	MRRPC
Kevin Luepke	Natural Resource Specialist	Fort McCoy
Nikki Krause	Conservationist	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Ron Schneider	Manager	Tomah DNR Ranger Station
Ryan Burner	Research Wildlife Biologist	USGS