

Climate Change Task Force Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Monroe County Board Room / Virtual

Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room by Tina Osterberg
2. Welcome & Introductions – attendance list is attached
3. Sustainable Co-op Strategies for a Clean Energy Future Presentation- Chris Tackmann, Oakdale Electric Cooperative General Manager & CEO and Brent Ridge, Dairyland Cooperative President & CEO
4. Bob Micheel provided review of 2023 accomplishments and 2024 meeting schedule.
5. Updates -
 - Monitoring Stations – Roxie provided following updates:
 - NWS is in progress of launching a new website, National Water Prediction Service, upgrading the features and user interface of the Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service site that was developed 20 years ago.
 - Vernon County Emergency Management has selected monitoring stations that they would like to receive alert notifications from. Alert notifications will be set for the Action Stages that were defined by the NWS earlier this year.
 - Grants – the following updates were provided
 - Roxie Anderson comments on project scoping efforts for FEMA Flood Mitigation Action and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant programs
 - Nancy Wedwick comments on project scoping efforts of the Coon Creek Community Watershed Council.
 - Other
 - Brad Robson provides update on weather stations installed as part of WiscoNet, Monroe County has a station located in northeastern portion of the county.
 - Nicole Krause provides update on NRCS program funding increases and new staff hire.
 - Bob attended the Midwest Climate Resilience Conference in Duluth, MN and provided update.
6. Next Meeting Date and Time – January 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room.
7. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Recorded by Roxie Anderson, Land Use Planner

Climate Change Task Force Meeting Attendees

Date: 12/6/2023

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
Brad Robson	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
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
Brent Ridge	President & CEO	Dairyland Power Cooperative
Chris Tackmann	General Manager & CEO	Oakdale Electric Cooperative
Dan Baumann	Secretary's Director	WI Dept. of Natural Resources
Dave Rozeboom	Field Integration Leader	WI Dept. of Natural Resources
Gillian Pomplun	Reporter	Crawford City Independent
Gregg Wavrunek	Regional Representative	U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin
Mary Von Ruden	Resident	Monroe County
Matt Hanewell	Director	La Crosse County LCD
Nikki Krause	Conservationist	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Robin Schmidt	Board Member	WI Natural Resources Board
Steve Rood	Fishery Biologist	Fort McCoy
Nancy Wedwick	President	CCCWC, Inc.
Sydney Widell	Watershed Coordinator	CCCWC, Inc.
Tucker Gretebeck	Vice President	CCCWC, Inc.