

MINUTES
May 1, 2025

Members Present: Carol Lukens, Jean Abreu, Britnie Remer, Christine Daniels, and Jesse Kearns (Jesse arrived at approximately 5:05 p.m.)

Others Present: Mayor Doug Diny, Andrew Lynch, and Carrie Edmondson (staff)

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the Wausau Daily Herald in the proper manner.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting started at 5:00 p.m.
Mayor Diny noted that we have a need for one or two new members.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

3. Election of new committee chair

At Chair Kluz’s request is the election of a new Committee Chair. *Lukens/Daniels motion/second to nominate Jean Abreu as SEEC Chair, passed unanimously.*

4. Approval of the Minutes of the April 3, 2025, Meeting

April minutes will be included in the June meeting packet for review and approval.

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Work Plan reports

- a. Sustainability Manager – Andy – A discussion about the possibility of a new dedicated sustainability staff person will be discussed with the new Human Resources Director now that she is with the City. There is a new process for new position requests.
- b. Media and Public Education – Christine, Jean –
 - i. Andy read a note from Jay Coldwell who met with Kat Becker of Cattail Organics and noted that he would like to create the goal to grow more local food within Marathon County which would help drive policy and raise awareness to continue to steer toward local food sources. Jesse mentioned that tariffs could potentially impact food supply. Christine added that Jay and Kat spoke on The Chad Holmes Show podcast and they noted that Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) funding could also be impacted and encouraged reaching out at the Joint-Finance meeting in Madison about it.
 - ii. Future Radio Spots – Jean and Carol agreed to do the radio spot on pesticides and pollinators (e.g. mosquito dunks) on May 13. June and July are slated for a solar discussion.
 - iii. Summer newsletter – need copy by May 29. Jean and Carol agreed to put a submittal together on the use of pesticides, slow your mow, and insects.
- c. Elected Official Education – Jesse –
 - i. Topics for Council: Suggested SEEC Committee seasonal report.

- ii. Andy suggested bringing items that address topics that Councilpersons may be hearing from their constituents.
- d. Working w/Departments – Andy, Mary – We will be working to schedule Development Department and Metro Ride next.
- e. Policy and framework to guide decisions, etc – No new report.
- f. Farmers Market and Food Stop – Jay – No new report.

6. Next meeting date: June 5

Jean requested a solar array update.

7. Adjourn

Christine/Carol motion/second - approved unanimously. Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.