

MINUTES  
August 7, 2025

Members Present: Jean Abreu (C), Carol Lukens, Christine Daniels, and Britnie Remer

Others Present: Jay Coldwell and Carrie Edmondson

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

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**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Abreu called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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**2. Public Comment**

No public comment was received.

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**3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 5, 2025, Meeting**

*Christine/Carol motion/second to approve the minutes – approved 4-0.*

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**4. Focus on Energy Presentation – Brady Steigauf**

Rescheduled to a future date.

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**5. Discussion and Possible Action: Work Plan reports**

- e. Policy and framework to guide decisions, etc –

Jean and Jay drafted a letter of support for the City solar project. Consensus about rewording the third bullet item under Energy Resiliency to note that our area will have a relatively stable climate, and in-migration is expected and to simplify the water bill dollar amount.

*Carol/Britnie motion/second to approve with modifications – approved 4-0.*

There was group consensus to bring the support letter and petition to Wausau Water Works Commission, Infrastructure and Facilities Committee, and City Council in September. Christine and Carol agreed to attend Infrastructure and Facilities Committee on September 11, and Jean and Christine agreed to attend City Council on September 23.

- a. Sustainability Manager – Carrie –
- Chair Abreu forwarded two recommendations to the Mayor
  - We will be beginning the SolSmart certification pathway soon. The first step is a Solar Statement and SolSmart provides a template for that. The Solar Statement will be brought to the September meeting.
  - Wausau Sustainability Awards – Christine and Britnie were established as a Sustainability Awards Subcommittee. They will review the application, process, and procedure for the awards process.

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- b. Media and Public Education – Christine/Jean –
- The (re)Purposeful art event was announced and will take place August 16, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
  - Future radio spots (third Tuesday) –
    - August 19 – Jordan - solar
    - September 16 – pollinators/leave your leaves
    - October 21 – Wausau Sustainability Awards
  - Newsletter – one full page in one of the newsletters (1/2 page infographic and 1-2 paragraphs).
    - Carrie agreed to follow-up with Mary on a Leave Your Leaves infographic for the fall newsletter. The SEEC will continue to think of ideas for the winter newsletter.
- d. Working w/Departments – Carrie, Mary – Carrie noted that a summary of department director meetings was included in the packet. Now that this initiative has been completed, ideas such as connecting with area businesses or creation of a new work plan were discussed.
- e. Policy and framework to guide decisions, etc. –
- Carrie is continuing to monitor the OEI Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP) energy planning grant this fall for fund availability
- f. Farmers Market and Food Stop – Jay – Carrie reviewed notes from meetings she had with UW Extension about the farmer’s market, food stops, community gardens, and backyard gardening. There was consensus that the SEEC would like to move forward with backyard gardening education. Carrie agreed to reach out to her to coordinate with the SEEC in January.

**6. Next meeting date: September 4, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

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**7. Adjourn**

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*Britnie/Carol motion/second - approved 4-0. Adjourned at 6:04 p.m.*