

MINUTES

October 3, 2024

Members Present: Jay Coldwell, Mary Kluz, Carol Lukens, Christine Daniels, Jean Abreu

Others Present: Andrew Lynch, Dustin Kraege

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 5:03 pm

2. Public Comment

n/a

3. Approval of the Minutes of the August 8 Meeting

Coldwell/Kluz motion/second to approve. Unanimous vote to approve.

4. Updates: Solar Array, Dept Public Works Director and staff meeting, WLGCC

Solar Array: Lynch noted that it was in a departmental budget for design in 2025 with expected build in 2026. The project will still need support in the budget process.

DPW meeting: Daniels, Kluz, and Lynch meet with Eric Lindman, Allen Wesolowski, Solomon King, and Dustin Kraege. Very good discussion. Limiting salt use was important. Adoption of EV vehicles would require additional training, equipment, and facilities for service. Power for charging to the facilities was also an issue. Also looking at propane for certain vehicles and hybrid for police vehicles. Staff has interest in developing policies on building standards for municipal buildings and also development agreements so private parties provide charging stations.

WLCGG: Newsletter included in the packet. Lynch will likely be attending the Oct 15 in person meeting.

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Sustainability Manager Position

Lynch discussed this position with James Henderson, Director of HR. He suggested the November HR committee meeting and advised that it was not likely to be approved for 2025 since it was not currently in a department's budget. The Nov meeting would be an opportunity to present the idea, solicit feedback, and keep working on the position.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Work Plan Development

Kluz has engaged the services of Kris Tiles to facilitate the session. Staff will poll the group to find another date in November for the working session. Many members have been involved in strategic planning or work planning at various times. Kluz noted the better the group knows the final goal the more productive

the session will be. Lynch explained that the packet had the various documents, plans, and legislation that feed into the committee's purpose. Committee many have homework from the facilitator to consider before the working session.

9. Next meeting date: Nov 7 and TBD

10. Adjourn

Motion/Second by Daniels/Coldwell. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 6:14 pm