

MINUTES

January 9, 2025

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

Others Present: Andrew Lynch

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 pm

2. Public Comment

n/a

3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 3 Meeting

Lukens/Abreu motion/second to approve. Change date on minutes to October 3. Unanimous vote to approve.

4. Discussion: members who attended the Climate Fast Forward Nov 14-15

Coldwell reported of an engaging conference that despite being low energy presented many interesting ideas. Appleton was producing hydrogen for transit vehicles, Milwaukee is building NetZero homes. Daniels also attended and discussed with Comm Fdn about funding a climate position at the City.

5. Discussion and Possible Action: Turning the Work Plan to action

Lynch recapped the work planning session with the visuals that were produced. Committee requested a recurring item on the agenda are updates on the work items and assignments. Abreu is excited to work on the newsletter and educational piece but has been limited in time due to teaching duties. Lynch reported that HR cmte has had meetings recently on various pressing topics. Will try to get on the February agenda. Lynch noted that the change in Federal administration may have an impact on grants.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Seasonal initiatives promotions

Discussion on a spring seasonal promotion slogan in line with the 'Leave the Leaves', Slow Your Mow, Don't Be Salty. Options were focused around the idea of waiting to rake/clean up yards until the average temperature was 50 degrees F for insect health.

Nifty at 50, Restore at 50, Wait until 50, 50 is the new, 50 deg to save the bees, Clean at 50

Kluz asked all members to come to the Feb meeting with ideas and pick a slogan for inclusion in a Spring newsletter and other promotions.

7. Updates: Dept Heads meetings, status of Climate Action Plan

Meeting with Parks Dept was being scheduled for the following week.
No news on the Climate Action Plans grant. Staff will follow up.

8. Next meeting date: Feb 6

9. Adjourn

Motion/Second by Daniels/Coldwell. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 5:52 pm