

Notice of Public Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

1:00 p.m.

**SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE**Door County Government Center
Chambers Room (C102) - 1st Floor
421 Nebraska Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI**AGENDA**

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Establish a Quorum**
3. **Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed**
4. **Approve Minutes** of the July 20, 2021 Meeting
5. **Correspondence**
6. **New Business**
 - A. Establish Goals for Committee
 - B. Youth Apprenticeship for Sustainability
 - C. Green Tier Quarterly Meetings
 - D. Other Resources
7. **Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting**
8. **Next Meeting Date:** tbd
9. **Meeting Per Diem Code**
10. **Adjourn**

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MINUTES

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

**SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE**

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Chambers Room (C102) - 1st Floor
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Call Meeting to Order

The Tuesday, July 20, 2021 Sustainability Committee meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Vinni Chomeau at the Door County Government Center.

Establish a Quorum

Members present: Vinni Chomeau, Kara Counard, Todd Thayse, Morgan Rusnak, and Alexis Heim Peter. Bob Bultman, and Nancy Robillard were excused.

Others present: Administrator Ken Pabich, and County Clerk Jill Lau. HR Director Kelly Hendee attendee virtually.

“These minutes have **not** been reviewed by the oversight committee and are subject to approval at the next regular committee meeting.”

Adopt Agenda / Properly Noticed

Motion by Heim Peter, seconded by Thayse to approve the agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

Approve Minutes of the June 2, 2021 Meeting

Motion by Thayse, seconded by Counard to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

Correspondence

No correspondence was presented.

New Business**Establish Goals for Committee**

A draft listing was included in the meeting packet and was reviewed. This could help our departments to think about what sustainability is and how can they help internally. What can the committee accomplish in the next three, five, ten years? It was suggested the goals be shared with the departments and ask for input/comments/modifications which can be brought back to the committee. What challenges do departments see? Some goals could be challenging to departments such as single use plastics at the ADRC. Discussion regarding phasing in the changes, knowing the impact on the budget. Renewable energy - what steps do we take? Is there grant funding available to assist with sustainable practices? Administrator Pabich will share with the Department Heads and ask for feedback which he will bring back to the next committee meeting.

Youth Apprenticeship for Sustainability

Administrator Pabich updated the committee and provided an overview of the Youth Apprenticeship Program. A request has been submitted and the Apprenticeship Program is working on getting us a student. We are hopeful we will have a youth by the end of August at which time we can hold an interview and decide next steps.

County Landfill – Update

Administrator Pabich provided an update. For reference, the County owns the landfill which has been closed but we are still responsible for the final closure. We have 17 years left of maintenance and monitoring. In terms of maintenance it includes annual inspections which are filed with the DNR, we collect the leachate which is hauled to Sturgeon Bay Utilities Waste Plant to dispose. The Landfill is maintained by the Highway Department with an annual cost of approximately \$90,000. Sturgeon Bay Utilities has approached the County

to build a containment area to store up to 6 months of their biosolids from their Waste Plant. At some point, once the Landfill is fully closed and stabilized the County could use the site for other activities as long as the landfill cap is not penetrated.

Door County Room Tax Program Update Draft List of Ideas for Destination Door County

Administrator Pabich explained a room tax increase is being considered. If the increase is implemented DDC is looking to further fund the local tourism entities and create separate funding mechanisms with one to assist tourism related projects such as walkways, invasive species control, etc. Ideas are being generated of how to use the funds. At this time the DDC Board has slowed the process down. There will be plenty of time and opportunities to provide input. This is a change from the last meeting at which time DDC was soliciting input.

Green Tier Quarterly Meetings

August 2, 2021, 1 – 4 p.m.

Air Quality Report for Door County

Administrator Pabich explained the County has been dealing with ozone designation for a few years now. The air quality monitoring sensor is located in Newport State Park. The County is currently under non-attainment designation. The County has had 2 good years of reporting data with numbers currently trending well. The hope is the numbers continue to trend well and the DNR can work with the EPA to change the County's designation. Wind direction affects the monitor; the County is affected by air quality moving up the shoreline from southern communities and from Illinois.

Other Resources:

- Outagamie County - <https://www.wicounties.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Res.-12-2021-22.pdf>
- Wood County - <https://www.wicounties.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Wood-County-Resolution.pdf>
- Lincoln County - <https://www.wicounties.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Res-2021-01-02-Certified.pdf>
- Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts - <https://wicci.wisc.edu/community-sustainability-working-group/>

Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Nothing as of this meeting.

Next Meeting Date

September 14, 2021 – 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Per Diem Code

720.

Adjourn

Motion by Thayse, seconded by Counard to adjourn. Time: 1:57 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Jill M. Lau, Door County Clerk

DRAFT Goals for Sustainability Committee 2021-2022

Consider sustainability for both internal practices and external county programs in all county departments.

	Department Responses / Notes
Buy and Build Green:	
1. Establish goals to convert public fleet to electric include annual 10% goals and or only purchase electric for new fleet items.	Public Safety Vehicles need to be case by case and depending on purpose may not be a realistic option. (Sheriff) Consulting with Constellation, Northern Electric and the upcoming energy audit to develop. (Facilities & Parks "F&P") LUSD looked into an electric vehicle for 2022, and it doesn't make sense without abundant charging stations and quick charging times. We also looked into a hybrid, which didn't make sense for a vehicle doing mostly highway driving. (Land Use Services Dept, "LUSD")
2. Implement policy to only use benign, organic methods on all county property with exception for invasive species control.	I would advocate that the county also promote native plantings on county-owned properties, starting in 2022 with pollinator plantings in one or two county parks that could serve as future demonstration projects. (SWCD)
3. Develop a plan to reduce runoff on all county property (consider imp ermeable options before resurfacing).	
4. Convert to renewable energy sources.	
a. Consider new projects that establish renewable energy sources such as solar panels on county lands, justice center fields on county S, Cherryland airport.	
b. Consider reverting to renewable sources at time of replacement such as solar pit toilet fans, electric vehicle charging	Already an active practice (F&P)
5. Require all new county buildings to meet Energy Star requirements and LEED certification standards or equivalent.	
6. Require 100% of newly purchased or leased equipment to meet energy efficiency requirements.	Difficult to measure for many items
7. Stop use and storage of all firefighting foams containing PFAS.	County as organization does not have or store PFAS
8. Ban single use plastic with all county activities and vendors. a. Phase in: year 1 - 50%, year 2 - 100%.	Concern with mandate and cost
9. ADRC will set goals for growing food in gardens at ADRC and locally sourcing food for meal programs.	
10. Door County Treasurer and Finance Department/Committee will review Door County Investment Policy to consider incorporating elements of investing in sustainability.	
Transportation	
1. Continue to enhance and promote our County Transportation Program.	
a. In 2021, we are piloting a fixed route in the City of Sturgeon Bay.	
2. Review County acquisition of vehicles to ensure there is a "match to the need".	
3. Track and establish goals to reduce fleet petroleum use.	
4. Develop a plan to convert fleet to electric as replacement is needed and transition to electric transportation vendors.	Public Safety Vehicles need to be case by case and depending on purpose may not be a realistic option. (Sheriff)

Land Use:	
1. Update zoning ordinance pertaining to wind energy systems. Consider zoning ordinances that favor/promote renewable energy.	Our ordinance needs to be updated to be consistent with the state parameters, but I don't think this is preventing anyone from doing wind energy installations: no one has inquired about installing wind energy systems of any magnitude in years. (LUSD)
2. Consider ways zoning can support infrastructure for electric vehicles.	There isn't anything prevent people from putting in charging stations, etc. (LUSD)
3. Consider zoning amendments that promote compact development.	We have several options in place already. Almost no one is using them. (LUSD)
4. Review the Door County Code to help promote affordable housing.	In process right now. (LUSD)
a. Consider secondary dwelling incentive if used for affordable housing	SDUs are already allowed by right with all single-family homes (LUSD)
b. Consider zoning that promotes affordable housing and general development in core areas with infrastructure.	We already have incentives to some extent to build in core areas (higher density in core areas, etc.), and are working on additional amendments right now, but zoning is not the main obstacle to building affordable housing. It is the cost of materials, labor, infrastructure; building code requirements; lack of construction workers; our geography; etc. etc. (LUSD)
c. Door County is working with WHEDA on a pilot project for affordable housing. This project could have a number of opportunities for a sustainable review.	The pilot project scope is going to end up being very narrow and not related to sustainability. (LUSD)
5. Consider incentives for geo-engineering practices on development sites.	
6. Develop a list/resource of best practices for landowners in Door County for environmental protection and sustainability.	
7. SWCD will provide public education and resources for erosion, runoff, and soil regeneration practices and water quality protection.	I'm not sure if the committee intends for this to be additional public outreach beyond what we do currently? (SWCD)
8. SWCD will follow the Land Conservation Resource Management Plan adopted in 2021.	I would recommend taking this off the list in both the Land Use and Water sections. The plan guides our department programs and it's a given that we do this. (SWCD)
Energy	
1. For 2022, the County will be budgeting for an energy audit of our County Facilities.	Accounted for in the 2022 F&P Capital Budget (F&P)
2. Track annually and set % goals for:	Consult with a company called Constellation: 1) The proposal is to load 2 years' worth of historical data for Gas/Water/Electric (one time estimated cost of \$3,570) and then contract on a go forward basis for Pear services. (2021) Funding from F&P Department Budget- Utilities. 2) Commodity – Gas a. From our discussion – from the gas invoices you send us we can use that put together a proposal for servicing gas. (F&P)
a. Energy use reduction,	
b. Renewable energy increase,	
c. Water efficiency,	
d. Sustainable facilities/land use increase (% of buildings and % gross square footage),	Who is doing this work (d-f)? (F&P)
e. Waste management and diversion – waste reduction,	
f. Greenhouse gas emissions reduction.	

Water:	
1. Soil and Water Conservation Department (SWCD) will consider a testing program and land use plan for PFAS sources and contamination.	In December 2020 the Wisconsin DNR released their PFAS Action Plan which lists several actions the state is taking. Pursuing the development and funding of a testing program for Door County should not to be entered into lightly given the complexities associated with these contaminants. A land use plan would be difficult to prepare and would presumably need to be informed by the collected data. To the extent that the committee could narrow focus and prioritize actions that might be achievable if funding were available (such as a preliminary screen of a select number of drinking water wells in the County) we would be better able to meet these goals. (SWCD)
2. SWCD will work with Land Use to develop land use goals for wellhead zones of contribution for all public municipal wells regardless of county zoning by partnering with municipalities that are not in county zoning.	
3. SWCD will enhance groundwater testing by offering a spring and fall well testing program.	SWCD budget request includes \$19,000 of county funding for this project in 2022. (SWCD)
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Waste:	
1. 100% of electronic equipment disposed using environmentally sound methods.	
2. Conduct a county-wide clean sweep program in 2022 and work to conduct an annual county-wide clean sweep program.	
	Door County compost initiative incorporated into food handling practices at ADRC and Justice Center. (Library)
Healthy Community Planning	
1. The County will work with our Public Health Department to help define some metrics for measuring community health.	(... Because PH is no longer a separate Dept. HHS)
2. The County will work with Public Health, the Department of Health & Human Services and other departments to help document current practices that are in place for community health.	(HHS recommendations.)
3. The County will work with other Community leaders to help promote the education, discussion, and action on for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) priorities.	(HHS recommendations.)
4. County Human Resources will review how an environmental ethic of sustainability and DEI are portrayed to public and job seekers on county website and with county resources.	Not sure how to capture (Human Resources)
5. Develop recruitment and onboarding policies that reflect sustainability and DEI.	
6. Sustainability and DEI training in all departments.	Funding source is a concern if not a part of NeoGov.
7. Sustainability goals will be incorporated into performance reviews and included as an objective for employees with clear incentives attached to them.	
8. Encourage employees to share sustainability ideas with a suggestion box/inbox.	

<p>9. County Sheriff/Jail will consider programming to teach inmates skills related to sustainability such as growing food and renewable energy.</p>	<p>Possibly could work with our food vendor to see what they have available, I'm guessing they are talking about an inmate garden without calling it that. I've looked at it in the past, not against it but would need to work out the logistics. Inmate supervision becomes the largest hurdle in my mind. (Sheriff)</p>
<p>10. ADRC and UW Extension will offer classes and programs on sustainability, climate change and renewable energy in Door County.</p>	<p>Add the Door County Library and the Historical Museum to this item. We have programs on these topics and will be able to reach other demographics that would not attend a UW Extension or ADRC program. (Library)</p>
<p>11. County Libraries will curate resources on Door County nature, conservation, sustainability, and DEI.</p>	<p>We currently do this and will be happy to continue. (Library)</p>
<p>V. Green Tier Score Sheet</p>	
<p>Score Sheet attached as addendum.</p>	