

Minutes: CATF Meeting - Thursday, October 18, 2018 - 10 a.m., 604 Cohodas

In Attendance: Bob Kulisheck, Brad Neumann, Char Spruce, Emily Leach, Eric Anderson, Gail Anthony, Greg Seppanen, Jerry Messana, Jes Thompson, Tom Tourville, Tyler Penrod

1. Comments from the Chair

2. Welcome: Tyler Penrod our new CATF/SWP Intern. Tyler's role includes creating posters, Facebook events, Facebook live video recordings of the NCN talks and outreach materials for NCN/SWP/CATF. Tyler has assisted SWP with project data/photo organization so far this semester. Tyler presented three potential CATF logos for consideration. Suggestions included: keep it simple, frame the design in a circle, include elements of nature, clear text, and consider how they will look in black and white. Tyler to take these suggestions into consideration and CATF to address logo design drafts at next meeting.

3. Report - Northern Climate Network. Jes Thompson. NCN Schedule handed out. Tyler Penrod is creating posters and conducting outreach for NCN events.

4. Report - The Superior Watershed Partnership. Emily Leach. GLCC completed a record field season with 9 crews and 32 seasonal staff. Projects were completed in the UP, Northern Lower Peninsula, WI, MN and Canada. Projects included trail/bridge/boardwalk construction/maintenance, habitat restoration, native plantings, stormwater/green infrastructure projects, and coastal dune work. Dam inventory of all the dams in the Lake Superior Watershed completed. 3,000 trees planted for stormwater remediation (Ontonagon, Menominee, St. Ignace). City of Marquette coastal native planting and erosion/human impact inventory. Energy Conservation Corps (ECC) has installed three small single family home solar arrays this summer. Solar installations are to be used as "demonstration sites" to be displayed as energy literacy for multiple audiences. The ECC is based off of the GLCC model (18-25 year olds), 2 person crews perform basic home energy assessments and weatherization upgrades/education for low-moderate income homes across the UP, year-round. SWP has acquired two properties on Lake Superior for conservancy land; mouth of Laughing Whitefish River and a parcel on Eagles Nest Rd (coastal shoreline, coastal wetlands and mixed forest types). Properties will be open to the public for day use and will be merged into the SWP K-12 education programs. SWP to create management plans.

5. Report and Discussion - *The Marquette Area Climate and Health Adaptation Project.* Thank you to Bud Sargent and Cecilia Brown from the Mining journal for continual accurate coverage of the NCN presentation and other CATF related initiatives. Discussion about how CATF will assist with the dissemination and implementation of findings from the climate health project. Discussion ensued about focus for the early 2019 meeting and who should be involved to get the most traction for updating policies and zoning. Draft list of key stakeholders discussed were:

- Cities: Marquette, Ishpeming, Negaunee
- Townships: Marquette, Chocolay, Ishpeming, Negaunee, Sands, Forsyth
- Authorities: Neg/Ish Water Authority; Ishpeming Area Wastewater Authority (chair Jerry Messana)
- Fire Chiefs
- Region 8 Emergency Preparedness Coordinator - John Stone

- DNR, DEQ (not Jay; ask Ginny for someone else)
- County:
 - Emergency Management - Teresa Schwalbach
 - Road Commission
 - Drain Commissioner - Mike Farrel
 - Central Dispatch – Gary Johnson
 - Special Operations Search and Rescue (Sheriff's Office)
 - Steve Schendon – Director of Operations for County at Sawyer
 - Serves on Sawyer Operations Authority (gubernatorial creation)
- National Weather Service: Matt Zika? Kevin Crupi – retired NWS

Discussion about making sure we had an inclusive list of county stakeholders, if the project has a county wide focus. Jes Thompson suggested Bob Eslinger (Center for Community and Rural Economic Development) be invited; also suggested invite letter for early 2019 meeting come from NMU President Fritz Erickson. Discussion ensued who the invite should come from. Tom Tourville stated MBLP should be involved with this initiative, as they are a utility and a unit of government representing the community. Also noted that the early 2019 meeting should be hosted outside of Marquette City, maybe Marquette Township building. CATF subgroup meeting scheduled for Wednesday November 14th, at 9:30 at the SWP conference table to solidify list of key stakeholders, secure a date for the early 2019 meeting, and means of distributing invitations. Early 2019 meeting will be approximately 3 hours and discuss guidebook suggestions, means to implement policy/zoning changes and discuss potential for a demonstration site (ex. Rain garden).

6. Report: - Marquette County Planning Commission's Work on CATF Related Issues- Eric Anderson and Char Spruce presented on the County Planning Staff's efforts to holistically update the entire Master Plan. Planning staff has been updating individual chapters of their Master Plan every 5 years, but it has been since the 1980's since they have completely updated it. Eric discussed the demographic history of Marquette County, and the dips in population from the KI Sawyer Air Base and mine closure. Marquette County currently needs to import people just to maintain population. Death rate exceeds birth rate. NMU enrolment and prison large factors in population count. Char reported the efforts of planning staff kicked off last month at Township Association meeting. Staff attending township and city Planning Commission meetings, creating 2-page master plan outline specific to the municipality. Region rallies and liaisons are identified in the 4 regions of the county (Moose Hills, Iron Core, Blueberry Farms and Borealis Beach). Stakeholder interviews being conducted. Survey for county residents is live to gather input on forward thinking issues the county wants public input on, takes ~10 minutes to complete and CATF members encouraged to share in their networks. Survey is on the Master Plan website: www.mqtcoplan.org

7. Report - Marquette City Planning Commission's Work on CATF Related Issues- No update, Dave Stensaas not present.

8. Consideration - CATF 2019 Work Plan & Meeting Schedule- Next meeting: 1/17/19 10am NMU Cohodas 604.

9. Good-of-the-order: Gail Anthony mentioned their GLOW (Great Lakes One Water Partnership) project with Great Lakes Community Foundations to address water issues and their Energy Literacy project partnering with SWP and Michigan Energy Options.

10. Adjournment