



Members in Attendance: Karen Alholm, Dwight Brady, Jenn Hill, Bob Kulisheck, Emily Leach, Brad Neumann, Tyler Penrod, Greg Seppanen, Jes Thompson

Guests in Attendance: Rich VanderVeen, Kathleen Henry, Ryan Diederichsen

1. 2022 Officer and Steering Committee Membership Elections

- Chairperson
 - Karen nominates Emily Leach for Chairperson.
 - Emily accepts nomination.
 - Bob seconds.
 - Unanimously approved.
- Vice Chairperson
 - Brad nominates Zosia Eppensteiner for Vice Chairperson.
 - Zosia accepts nomination.
 - Greg seconds.
 - Unanimously approved.
- Coordinator
 - Zosia nominates Tyler Penrod for Coordinator.
 - Tyler accepts nomination.
 - Jes seconds.
 - Unanimously approved.
- Steering Committee Member at Large
 - Emily nominates Jes Thompson for Steering Committee Member at Large.
 - Jes accepts.
 - Karen seconds.
 - Unanimously approved.
- Steering Committee Member at Large
 - Tyler nominates Scott Erbisch for Steering Committee Member at Large.
 - Scott accepts.
 - Greg seconds.
 - Unanimously approved.
- Steering Committee Member at Large
 - Karen nominates Bob Kulisheck for Steering Committee Member at Large.
 - Bob accepts.
 - Zosia seconds.
 - Unanimously approved.
- Steering Committee Member at Large
 - Jes nominates Brad Neumann for Steering Committee Member at Large.
 - Brad accepts.
 - Greg seconds.
 - Unanimously approved.

2. Membership Committee Appointments

- Emily Leach steps down from the Membership Committee to encourage representation from beyond the Steering Committee.
- Brad Neumann, Greg Seppanen, & Jes Thompson appointed to Membership Committee.

3. Hazard Mitigation Action Items Presentation

- Ryan Diederichsen, Marquette County Planner and Community Development Coordinator, presented the County's new publicly available map of hazard mitigation action items. The creation of this interactive map is intended for municipalities near each other with similar hazard mitigation needs to work together to make Marquette County safer and open new opportunities for funding. The map will be updated every five years as action items are addressed and as new hazards are identified.
 - This presentation was recorded for the creation of a tutorial on how to use the interactive map. The tutorial and map can be found here:
<https://www.mqtcoplan.org/hazard-mitigation-plan>

4. Review of MI Healthy Climate Plan

- Energy Production
 - Consumers and DTE plan to retire their coal and natural gas fleets at a timeline in line with this plan. This will facilitate the shift toward electrification as fossil fuel electricity generation is replaced by solar, wind, nuclear, and battery storage
- Transportation
 - To meet the objectives of this plan, 100% of new auto sales need to be electric. This is in line with the automotive industry of traditional and new auto manufacturers. Infrastructure including charging stations will require significant planning and funding for implementation.
- How can this plan be implemented locally?
 - This state plan can inform the City of Marquette as they develop their Climate Action Plan that aims to eliminate city emissions by 2050 and adapt to climate change locally. It lists specific targets and action items that Marquette can consider adopting or modifying to meet local needs.
- Bob moves that CATF write and submit public comment on the MI Healthy Climate Plan.
 - Greg seconds.
 - Unanimously approved.

5. Review of 2022 CATF Work Plan

- Greg motions to adopt 2022 CATF Work Plan.
 - Bob seconds.
 - Unanimously approved.

6. Review of 2021 Year-End Report

- Bob motions to adopt 2021 Year-End Report.
 - Greg seconds.
 - Unanimously approved.

7. General Updates

- Dwight reported on NMU's search committee for the next NMU President. He shared that the MI Healthy Climate Plan inspires him while helping to shape the values and expectations included in the job description. The job description with values, likely to include sustainability, will be coming out soon.
- Community Foundation of Marquette County (CFMC)
 - CFMC's grant application cycle opens March 1 & applications are due April 1.

- Established Marquette Emergency Cleaning Fund to help families with the aftermath of a suicide including biohazard mediation.
 - Statewide Equity Fund: Marquette County was selected as 1 of 5 pilot sites to receive technical assistance funding to equitably distribute ARPA funding.
- Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP)
 - SWP partnered with the City of Marquette to resubmit a \$1.6 million grant application to the Department of Transportation. The grant was funded and publicly touted by the Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg as an example of the importance of perseverance while encouraging other applicants whose first applications aren't funded to rework and resubmit their proposal. The sand dredged from the port will be repurposed for the renaturalization of the green space between Lakeshore Boulevard and the Lake Superior shoreline.
 - SWP wrapped up hiring nearly 40 seasonal employees for the Great Lakes Climate Corps (GLCC). This is by far GLCC's largest season ever. SWP is also planning to hire at least one additional full-time energy technician to grow its low-income energy assistance program.
 - Tyler and Kathleen are preparing for another successful salamander migration this year at Presque Isle Park. This year SWP will be incorporating a citizen science component in partnership with NMU's Biology Dept. to inform future road closure dates and times and provide local data for classroom exercises.
 - SWP received a \$216,000 GLRI grant to plant thousands of trees in Ishpeming, Hannahville Indian Community, and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.
- League of Women Voters (LWV) is engaging nationally on climate change and renewable energy transition for utilities. A local LWV member is a member of the national committee and is engaging NMU students in local climate action.
- Rewiring America analysis shows what electrification would look like at state and county levels: <https://map.rewiringamerica.org/states/michigan-mi>

8. Good of the Order

- Adjournment 4:18 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 9, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.