



MARQUETTE COUNTY
CLIMATE ADAPTATION
TASK FORCE

CATF Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 18, 2021
10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Members in Attendance: Bob Kulisheck, Brad Neumann, Dave Stensaas, Emily Leach, Greg Seppanen, Jenn Hill, Jerry Messana, Ryan Stock, Tom Tourville, Tyler Penrod, Zosia Eppensteiner

1. CATF Bylaws Review

- Suggested Bylaw Edits
 - 3C - Change to “calendar year by nomination and majority vote of approval.”
 - 5C - Change to “Quorum for the Steering Committee and full CATF meetings are defined as having four (4) Steering Committee members present in-person, virtually, or by phone.”
- Suggested Terms of Service Edits
 - Add phone numbers to member contact information.
- Motion made by Bob to adopt bylaws with the suggested bylaw edits listed above.
 - Second by Tom
 - Bylaws adopted unanimously 11-0

2. Volunteer Proposal

- Jenn Hill’s employer is a Certified B Corporation which allows her to contribute 8 hours a month to a group of her choice.
 - Jenn will start by collecting data and grant opportunities targeting climate health overlaps. Her work will be shared on the website to distribute the information to a broad local and regional audience.

3. 2022 Meeting Dates

- Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

4. Roundtable Updates

- Northern Michigan University
 - Carbon Neutrality Task Force met for the first time last week beginning their work to guide the University toward carbon neutrality. The task force will meet weekly on Fridays.
 - Northern Climate Network - Climate@Noon hosted 3 guest speakers
 - Divestment Club formed at NMU. The club met with Gavin Leach and a NMU Board of Trustee member to discuss divestment.
 - One of Ryan’s classes is writing a plan for NMU to improve campus food equitability and source local food.
 - Green Fund proposals are coming in and selection will begin shortly.
- Climate Emergency Resolution
 - Both the Cities of Marquette and Ishpeming are considering climate emergency resolutions

- Marquette County Health Department
 - MCHD continues to focus on the Covid-19 pandemic. Now that children as young as 5 years old are eligible for vaccination, the rate of vaccination among eligible residents in Marquette County is 64.1%, over 4% higher than the state average.
 - Hospitalizations in Marquette County and the Upper Peninsula are up significantly since September. This is a pandemic of the unvaccinated as the local hospitals are reporting that 70% of hospitalized Covid-19 patients are unvaccinated.
 - Michigan has not yet approved boosters for anyone under 65 years old or not in a high risk occupation. Vaccination remains the best way to prevent infection and risk of severe complications.
- Michigan Green Communities
 - Rotary will be hosting an electric vehicle discussion presented by Michigan Green Communities on November 30 at 11:00 a.m. Register here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MluPGh2iRLGNQB18WC_G_gA
 - Sign-up for the quarterly newsletter here: <https://t.co/AsfUFcXScV?amp=1>
- Planning & Zoning for Solar Energy Systems
 - MSU Extension is working on creating guidelines for local units of government to create their own solar zoning ordinances. Outreach will begin soon to engage stakeholders.
- City Transportation
 - MarqTran has a new director who is interested in working with the city on improving public transportation within the community.
- Community Foundation of Marquette County
 - Planning for the CEMP work plan agreement through 2025 is underway.
 - Lake Superior Hospice received \$5,000 to improve insulation to reduce energy use and bills.
 - Master gardeners and other volunteers followed through on a MICHAP plan at Pete's Pass that included planting native plants and laying gravel on the snowmobile trail to stabilize the site's sandy soil thanks to \$5,000 in funding.
- Marquette County
 - The Hazard Mitigation Plan has led to an interactive map and other resources will be available soon on the Marquette County website once finalized.
 - Lauren Luce received a new job sparking reorganization within the Marquette County Planning Department.

5. Good of the Order

- Adjournment 12:07 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.