



CATF Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 9, 2022
2:30 p.m. Cohodas Rm. 604

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

Guests in Attendance: Jim Briseño, Priscilla Burnham, Brian Hummel, Erik Powers, Darlene Walch, Lane Whitcomb

1. Welcome Guests & Introductions

2. Membership Committee Update

- Terms of Service
 - Greg motions to approve.
 - Karen seconds.
 - Unanimously approved
- The Membership Committee met earlier this year with the intent to expand stakeholder representation across Marquette County. CATF welcomed the following guests to the meeting:
 - Erik Powers
 - Priscilla Burnham (representing Karen Schmitt)
 - Darlene Walch
 - Brian Hummel

3. Presentation by Dr. Jes Thompson: *NMU Sustainability Initiatives*

- In summary, sustainability gains made by NMU in recent years have been led by motivated students. NMU's recently adopted Sustainability Plan and the sustainability pillar of NMU's Interim Strategic Plan place a greater responsibility on the institution to make structural changes and investments in sustainability to become carbon neutral by 2050 while still involving students, faculty, and staff as part of the solution. You can view the full presentation on the CATF website.
 - Jenn Hill requested that Jes make this presentation to the Marquette City Commission.

4. Round Table Updates

- Our Changing Menu virtual seminar is presented by Michael Hoffmann and Michigan Sea Grant on Wednesday, June 22 from 1:00-2:30pm via Zoom.
- MSU Extension received a National Science Foundation grant for Advancing Informal STEM Learning which will involve partnering with other extension programs across the country to launch a local Climate Stewards Program.
- The League of Women Voters is engaging on the state and federal level to drive the passage of environmental sustainability policy.
- Marquette Township partnered with the Marquette County Conservation District to plant native species in the median of a highway.

- Sands Township is increasing efforts to promote and encourage recycling. Darlene Walch, Sands Township Supervisor provided an update that the Superior Solar Project is in the planning stage. She also mentioned that the township is looking to reduce wildfire risks and protect groundwater resources.
- Brad is presenting a webinar discussing stormwater management in rural and suburban settings on Thursday, June 16th.
- Brad invited local representatives to participate in the Renewable Energies Academy for regulating the development of renewable energy infrastructure.
- Dwight Brady is wrapping up his term as NMU Union President.
- The Superior Watershed Partnership's Great Lakes Climate Corps is underway this summer. Nearly 40 young adults were hired to work alongside project partners on conservation, restoration, and recreation projects across the UP.
- The restoration of Lakeshore Boulevard is underway with trees, shrubs, beach grass and other native flora planted last week. This is the first step of a much larger naturalization project that will continue through the summer and conclude this fall.

5. Good of the Order

- Adjournment 4:14 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.