



MARQUETTE COUNTY
**CLIMATE ADAPTATION
TASK FORCE**

CATF Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 8, 2022
2:30 p.m. Cohodas 604 & Zoom

Members in Attendance:

Karen Alholm, Pri Burnham, Zosia Eppensteiner, Jenn Hill, Brian Hummel, Bob Kulisheck, Emily Leach, Jerry Messana, Brad Neumann, Tyler Penrod, Erik Powers, Greg Seppanen, Dave Stensaas, Ryan Stock, Jes Thompson, Darlene Walch

Guests in Attendance: Michael Larson, Anni Skillicorn

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Presentation by Michael Larson from Michigan Energy Options

3. Website Update Ideas

- Add a question to the survey asking if the website should operate independently of the SWP domain.
- A brief Google Form will be sent after the meeting to survey CATF membership for feedback on ideas to improve the website to serve CATF members and community leaders looking for climate resources and funding opportunities.

4. NMU Intern

- Anni Skillicorn will be interning with Emily to use the 2040 Marquette County Master Plan as a guide to engage local units of government to pass climate adaptation and mitigation resolutions.

5. Round Table Updates

- UPPCO is proposing to raise residential rates by 12% and small commercial rates by 26%. You can read more about it here: <https://mi-psc.force.com/sfc/servlet.shepherd/version/download/0688y0000044PrZAAU>
- The Michigan Public Service Commission meeting is being held in Marquette on September 21 to receive public input on the integrated resource plan.
- 5 Lakes Energy is working with Michigan Energy Options and three other groups to create carbon neutrality climate plans for Traverse City Light and Power and Ann Arbor.
 - More information about Ann Arbor: https://www.a2gov.org/departments/sustainability/Documents/A2Zero%20Climate%20Action%20Plan%20_3.0.pdf
 - More information about Traverse City: https://www.record-eagle.com/news/local_news/tcl-p-orders-climate-action-plan/article_0cee7b28-1a7b-11ed-842c-4b735e877a01.html
- Alger Delta met with Cloverland Electric to discuss future collaboration and toured a 120 year old hydropower plant.
- The upcoming statewide building code update is an opportunity to require more energy efficient building

- The Community Energy Fair is being held on September 20. More information will be shared with CATF members via email.
- En-ROADS is a freely-available online simulator that provides policymakers, educators, businesses, the media, and the public with the ability to test and explore cross-sector climate solutions: <https://www.climateinteractive.org/en-roads/>
- Brad is hosting the Citizen Planner Workshop with Marquette County and Marquette Township.
- The City of Marquette will publically announce the group who was selected to help with the Community Master Plan update. The creation of the Climate Action Plan will be a separate process.
- Community Foundation of Marquette County's Annual Celebration is happening on Wednesday, September 14th at 5pm.
- Sands Township is waiting to hear back from EGLE on their grant application to host monthly e-waste collection events.
- The Northern Climate Network received a generous donation to hire an intern and is hosting three Climate@Noon seminars.
 - October 7 – Emily Leach: Marquette County Climate Adaptation Task Force
 - November 4 – John Forslin: Climate Reality Project
 - December 2 – Dr. Gana Adebisi: Earth Environment & Geographical Sciences
- A Grand Valley State University interviewed Emily, Tyler, Jes and others to create place based climate education videos that will be distributed to Michigan high school classrooms featuring climate projects in Michigan communities including Marquette.
- Jerry Maynard Passed Away
 - Jerry will be remembered as a long-serving SWP Board Member, Peace Corps member, environmental attorney, Trout Unlimited member, founder of the Chocolay Raptor Center, mediator for the Marquette Alger Resolution Service, and author of the unprecedented Community Environmental Monitoring Program (CEMP).
- SWP recently applied for the new MI HOPE grant which if awarded would provide funding to make significant energy efficiency improvements to qualifying homes UP wide. Thanks to CATF for providing SWP with a letter of support.
- You can learn more about SWP's Stannard Rock Lighthouse & International Climate Research Station by visiting the Marquette Maritime Museum. A new sign was installed overlooking the lake describing the collaborative climate research happening 45 miles out in Lake Superior.
- GLCC wrapped up its summer season in August with nearly 40 seasonal staff and 8 crews working across the entire Upper Peninsula. Some highlights included initial plantings and recreation infrastructure installation along Lakeshore Boulevard, coastal restoration plantings with the Hiawatha National Forest, more than 100 miles of trail improvements in the Ottawa National Forest, and thousands of trees planted UP wide. The GLCC fall crew will continue to work through early November.
- Adjournment 4:04 p.m.

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