



Meeting Minutes

March 8th, 2021 5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Members present: Alan Anderson, Kevin Crosby, Ria Harper, Amanda Hill, Kelli Juhl, Patricia Scarborough, Cathy Thrash, Garth Wadsworth, Lysann Zeller

Others Present: Bill Evans (Council Liaison), Katie Fleming (BHE),

Votes Taken (other than approval of minutes) - None

Call to Order – 5:33 pm

Agenda Approval – No other additions at this time

Public Comments

- Movie “Kiss the ground” recommended by Patricia. See on Netflix
- Name tags and certificates left to deliver to new members.

Presentation: Black Hills Energy – Katie Fleming, Director of Sustainability & ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance – how BHE interfaces with stakeholders)

Katie shared BHE goals and approach to sustainability and how much greenhouse gas reductions BHE has already accomplished and intends to accomplish by 2040. BHE uses resource plans to determine the scope of renewable projects. Continue to invest in research and technology such as carbon capture – partnering with U Of WY. Shared information about BHE’s natural gas side of their business and strategies for improving efficiency and advancing technologies with other biofuels and hydrogen. Katy talked about other environmental stewardship practices involving EV’s, water and air quality, and protection of trees, birds and habitat. Learn more at www.blackhillenergy.com/sustainability.

Officers’ Reports

Secretary: Motion to approve minutes from February 22nd by Alan, 2nd by Kevin, Motion carried.

Treasurer: Spent about \$300 this year so far – web-site, plaques for bike station and Hippie Haven award.

Social Media Coordinator: Amanda posting new content. Trying to get webpage linked to Gmail account so an Earth Day page can be added.

Old Busines

- a. 2021 Work Plan – Review & Adoption – EEO asked for a little more time to finish. City facilities is satisfied with list of goals and Sust. Dev. also seems to be on track with their list of goals. Suggested that we print hard copies of the action plan and distribute to the council prior to the council meeting.
- b. Bicycle Maintenance Station Donation to RC Parks & Rec (Lysann) – Lysann shared a picture of the plaque for the station (Roosevelt swim center).

- c. Sustainability Coordinator Position (Kevin) – Worked on the job description and justification for coordinator position. Should be ready for the council in May.
- d. Sustainability Awards:
 - i. Hippie Haven – Presentation potentially March 26th at 5 pm. Take doodle poll if you haven't. Be thinking of other awards – Bill suggested Parks Dept.?
- e. Rapid City & COVID-19: Local Foods & Gardening
 - i. Pollinator Garden – To be absorbed into Sust. Dev. sub-committee and coordinating with YFS.

6:54 Adjournment due to time – the following items will be added to the next meeting agenda.

- f. Black Hills Energy Sustainability Goals – Letter to the Editor (Lysann)
- g. Solid Waste Management Plan Update (Alan)
- h. RC Clean Up Week (April 19th-25th) – Committee Clean Up Day/Time
- i. Diversity & Inclusion (continued from 12/14/20)

New Business

- a. 2021 Budget
- b. Committee Meeting Time
- c. Earth Day Update
- d. SDS&T Sustainability Committee Meeting
- e. Boy Scouts Merit Badge Midway

Informational Items

- a. League of American Bicyclists Survey:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/App_BFC_Sp21
- b. Upcoming Meetings & Events:
 - i. Earth Day Planning Committee – 3/10 @ 4 pm (Zoom)
 - ii. RCSC Regular Meeting – 3/22 (Subcommittees)
 - iii. International Dark Sky Week – April 4th-8th

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelli Juhl