

Washtenaw County Environmental Council

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Remote Meeting via Zoom**

APPROVED MINUTES

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS: SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS

Robert Mulcahy, Deputy Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed members Sue Shink, Virginia He, Joet Reoma, Hallie Fox, Gay MacGregor, Tim Redmond, Kris Olsson and Theresa Tupacz. Mr. Mulcahy added that appointees who had missed the administration of the Oath would still be able to participate in the meeting should they join later.

Newly appointed members Michelle Deatruck, Anne Brown, Jason Morgan and Lisa Wozniak were not present at the time of the administration of the oath.

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Olsson at 5:03 PM.

2. Attendance

Councilmembers:

Kris Olsson	Present	Ann Arbor Township
Gay MacGregor	Present	Seattle, Washington
Anne Brown	Present	Scio Township
Michelle Deatruck	Present	Superior Township (joined at 5:26)
Hallie Fox	Present	City of Ann Arbor
Virginia He	Present	Ann Arbor Township
Jason Morgan	Present	City of Ann Arbor
Tim Redmond	Present	Scio Township
Joet Reoma	Present	City of Ann Arbor
Sue Shink	Present	Northfield Township
Theresa Tupacz	Present	Pittsfield Township
Lisa Wozniak	Absent	-

Staff Present: Robert Mulcahy, April Avigne, Jason Fee, Kristen Schweighoefer, Amanda Harris, and Andrew DeLeeuw

Others Present: Andrew Comai, Matt Naud

Chair Olsson then invited the members to briefly introduce themselves and explain their interests in the work of the WCEC, given the reappointments and the new members.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Agenda was moved by Shink and seconded by Morgan. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. March 22, 2022

Approval of the March 22, 2022 minutes was moved by Fox and seconded by Shink. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

5. Citizen Participation:

None.

6. Council Responses to Citizen Participation

None.

7. Special Presentations

None.

8. Regular Business

a. Climate Action Plan – Project Update

Matt Naud provided an update on the climate action plan. For the newly appointed members he indicated that he would be happy to meet separately to bring them up to speed on the planning process. He also shared resilientwashtenaw.org as the county's planning website. He presented information showing estimates of emissions from the State of Michigan and within Washtenaw County. He reviewed data collection efforts and challenges with DTE and Consumers' Energy. He shared data on electric vehicle charger installations and solar installations in southeastern Michigan. He provided an update on the planning of the vulnerability assessment, and an update on engagement and outreach. He then reviewed possible definitions of the draft strategies being considered in the plan.

Councilmember Deatrick asked about the best way to provide feedback on the draft framework reviewed at the meeting. Councilmember Tupacz expressed support for the idea and that she would like to see an agenda to make the time useful. Mr. DeLeeuw agreed that there was a lot of discussion to be had, and that he would develop a proposal for discussion between members and staff so interested in talking further on the draft framework.

9. New Business

a. Washtenaw County Pollution Prevention Program

Kristen Schweighoefer, Washtenaw County Environmental Health Director, provided an update of the County's Pollution Prevention Program, a current pause to the program, and the process underway to evaluate and update the program to better meet the needs of the County. She explained that changes to other regulations had altered the context in which the program operates, the statutory basis for the program, the purpose and application of the current program, enforcements, the scope of the pause, the timeline for the revision of the program, and the future way in which the program may be revised.

Chair Olsson thanks Ms. Schweighoefer for the presentation and indicated that this type of work was something the Council should be involved in the future.

Councilmember Tupacz asked about the risks to the public of the pause. Ms. Schweighoefer explained that the program had already been paused, that most time and effort in compliance is with paperwork, and that the biggest risk is with smaller operators who do not have resources to comply.

Councilmember Reoma asked if there would be youth and citizen scientist engagement in the program review. Ms. Schweighoefer indicated that she had been planning for general public engagement, but would look into those suggestions.

Councilmember Redmond asked about the application of the policy to large farms in Washtenaw County. Ms. Schweighoefer explained that farms are exempt from the regulation through Michigan's right-to-farm statute.

Mr. Comai asked about the application of the program to home insulation installers who carry chemicals in vehicles, given a recent experience with an energy audit and subsequent efficiency recommendation. Ms. Schweighoefer indicated that vehicles were not inspected, but a building would be. She also stated that other entities also overlap in this space, such as EGLE and MI-OSHA.

Chair Olsson thanked Ms. Schweighoefer for the presentation and said that this should come back to the WCEC in the future.

b. Adopting the 2022 WCEC Meeting Calendar

Mr. DeLeeuw presented a proposed meeting calendar for the remainder of 2022, with meeting dates proposed for the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5 PM via zoom.

Approval of the proposed 2022 meeting calendar was moved by Shink and seconded by MacGregor. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

10. Communications and Reports

A. Councilmembers

- a. Councilmember Tupacz provided a report on electric vehicle planning resources available through SEMCOG and EGLE, and referenced a previously sent email with more information. .

B. Staff

- a. Mr. DeLeeuw indicated that the bylaws require election of officers, and that this would be an item on the May agenda given the appointment of members.

C. Committees

None.

11. Tasks:

None.

12. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was moved by Redmond and seconded by Shink. Approved unanimously by roll call vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Approved by the Environmental Council on May 24, 2022

Minutes prepared by Andrew DeLeeuw,

Staff to the Environmental Council