

Sustainability Task Force Minutes

Tuesday July 12, 2011

Jefferson County Courthouse, Room 203
320 S. Main Street
Jefferson, Wisconsin

Members present: Greg David, Amanda Goetsch, Bill Reichertz, Amy Rinard, Jan Rouu, Kevin Wiesmann

Members absent: Mike Burow, Jill Weiss

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30p.m. by Chairman David

2. Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law

David verified the meeting was in compliance

3. Review of agenda

Nothing changed

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Minutes not available to review

5. Public comment: none

6. Report—City of Jefferson 25/25 Initiative

Jill Weiss not present to present

7. c. Planning

There was discussion on how to proceed to write the sustainability plan. Bill Reichertz recommended following the UW-Extension tool kit. Rinard suggested that the plan be organized by sections, such as energy efficiency, etc., and that each section be assigned to a task force member to research, write and present to the full task force for review. Reichertz and Rouu agreed. David said he had met with Steve Grabow to develop a plan for how to proceed with the work of the task force. He indicated Grabow might be willing to write the plan for the task force. He distributed an outline he and Grabow had devised entitled, "Further Work on Plan Diagnosis/Plan Framework: Preliminary Plan for Plan Work for Jefferson County Sustainability Plan" for what the task force's plan should include.

Rouu and Rinard strongly disagreed with this approach to the plan and objected to David meeting with Grabow to plan the task force's work without input from other task force members. There was considerable discussion.

8. Discussion Hwy. Dept. Study

It was agreed to draft a letter on behalf of the task force opposing plans to build a new Highway Department building. Members agreed that such a new facility should not be built on farmland, that there will be less need in the future for roads and thus less need for a new highway department facility, that the county should have a transportation department focused on all modes of transportation not only roads and that there is concern that building a new highway department facility may be a precursor to privatization of the department.

Rouu and Rinard agreed to draft the letter stating the task force's position.

9. Discussion and possible action on MIS energy savings software

It was agreed to invite Roland Welsch from the MIS Department to discuss his ideas for utilizing this software. A letter will be draft on behalf of the task force endorsing using this energy saving software by the county's MIS Department.

10. The next meeting of the task force will be Aug. 9.

11. A motion was made by Roou, seconded by Christensen to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.