

# Meeting Minutes

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Friday, March 11th, 2022 / 12 pm / Jean Oxley Public Service Center - Informal Board Room

## ATTENDEES

Tamara Marcus, Ta'sje' Carrasco, Michael Garner, Preston Moore, John Zakrasek, Laura Barr, Emmanuel Mussamba, Tina Lenton, Tim Keegan, Rachel Cadena, Josh Henik, Bob Greene, Grant Nordby, Jo Beer, John Pelloquin, Sofia DeMartino

Tom Herrod and Matthew Katz from ICLEI

## Call to Order

The second meeting of Linn County's Advisory Committee for Sustainability and Resilience was held on Friday, March 11th, 2022 at the Jean Oxley Public Service Center at 12 pm.

## Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous March 11th meeting was made by Laura Barr and seconded by Bob Greene.

## Agenda

- Introductions
  - We reintroduced ourselves to the new members so that they knew us; and they introduced themselves.
- 2019 and 2020 Resolution Reviewing
  - Josh Suggested that we take into account external places other than Linn county so that other communities aren't left out.
  - Laura had a question about whether we can update resolutions. Tam said we can. We decided to add comments and consider it a working document; and be cautious about what we decide to add that wasn't initially added in the first inventory.
  - We haven't measured black carbon as inventory but public health does; they're just strategically located by large plants. The committee wanted to know if we can explore ways to measure that with ICLEI.
  - Josh stated we should look at the current balance of acreage/ habitat as well to take deeper dives with cover crops. Looking at output AS WELL AS sequestration from farm processes. Bob brought up that there's a difference between carbon neutrality and net zero. John and Laura said we should explore ways to capture that sequestration/ those levels on a high baseline level (universal reporting).

- As a few action items, Preston said Josh should come up with a way to calculate,
- Action item for Darren is to follow up with number 7.
- There was confusion about net zero; and John said it means not getting from where we are now.
- Everyone recognized the importance of communication with the public.
- We didn't finish this discussion.
- ICLEI tutorial, overview of clearpath tool.
  - Tom introduced that ICLEI is a nonprofit that has resources to create inventories for climate action plans.
  - Matthew gave us a demo of the community scale track. It allows us to enter previously calculated emissions/ or it can calculate it for us.
  - In the separate categories, create forecasts with a timeline, it shows us the starting values, coefficients, and growth rates, and carbon intensity factor.
  - You can look at projected emission values and compare them to each other or view them separately (the rate of population growth with the natural gas growth together for example.)
  - Most calculators are direct input calculators.
  - If there's a specific calculator we want included or updated, we can communicate with them and they will be happy to add a new one. The time frame in which we get it will depend on the type of calculator.
  - When doing the forecast, it will be specific to our region/ county and what we want to do.
- Questions
  - Josh asked looking at diesel and aviation use do they take into account next generation fuels (renewable ones) for these? Matt said it shows what's already on the books/ for sure going to happen; that would be in the planning module.
  - Laura had a question about what timeframe the inventory. Matt said For the inventory we always go in the calendar year/ that's what he recommends and it's easy.
  - Rachel asked for forecasting will it be the legislative year? He recommends the most recent year with access to a full data set.
  - Nordby asked about what will be accounted for in consumption of consumer goods. Matt said consumption of consumer goods would be in a consumption based emissions inventory. That's two different scopes in the county; and it's a beast of its own.
  - Nordby asked if it captures imports and exports and Matt said it does.
  - Bob asked if they could take sequestration into account; and Matt said the calculator is well equipped for that.
  - There was a question on if everyone gets an account or only a few.
  - What is the biggest challenge or mistake committees like ours make? Matt said make sure we follow up frequently and "don't let perfect be the enemy of good". Rely on the tool kit if we need it to; don't try to do every little thing by ourselves. It helps with organization.
- Other Business
  - We discussed the difference between net zero and carbon neutrality.

**Adjournment**

Ta'sje' Carrasco motioned that the meeting be adjourned, and this motion was seconded by Rachel Cadena at 1:27PM

Ta'sje' L. Carrasco

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Secretary  
Linn County Sustainability and Resilience  
Advisory Committee

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Date of Approval