



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

Regular Meeting- April 3rd, 2025

The Waynesville Environmental Sustainability Board held a special meeting on Thursday, April 3rd, 2024, at 4:30 pm. in the Public Services Training Room located at 129 Legion Drive Waynesville, NC.

Members present:

William Hite (Chair)
Case Brown (alternate)
Paul Carlson
Besty Wall
Aparna Keshaviah
Price Berryhill
Kay Kirkman
Buffy Queen
Kipp Sutton
Chuck Dickson
David Henderson
Mary Kayler

Members Absent:

Reid Conway (Vice Chair)

Staff Members Present:

Rob Hites, Town Manager
Ricky Bourne, Public Services Director
Julie Grasty, Asset Services Manager

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman William Hite called the meeting to order at 4:32pm.

B. APPROVAL OF 3/6/2025 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Board Member Henderson, seconded by Board Member Wall, to approve the minutes from the March 6th, 2025 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

C. PRESENTATION: AMIAS WILSON OF WCU-EXPLORING CANOPY COVER AND HEAT ISLANDS IN WAYNESVILLE TO IDENTIFY PRIORITY TREE PLANTING AREAS

Amias Wilson presented heat maps of Waynesville, temperatures of several Waynesville canopies by zone, and area demographics.

D. C-LEAP TA UPDATE

Board Member Keshaviah reported that they sent a data logger to be installed in the rec center to collect data on the hourly energy demand.

E. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP: EAC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board Member Wall reported that she met with Hailey on March 18th to discuss what NREL can do to engage the public. She said Hailey recommended there be a community meeting with local organizations on April 24th for four hours. Board Member Wall said they would provide information on the technical award process and ask the organizations if Helene has shifted their goals.

F. CLEAN FUEL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY (CFAT) PROJECT GRANT FOR TOW

Chairman Hite reported that the CFAT Project Grant is an opportunity to fully fund a 400 kW DC Fast Charger. Mr. Hites reported that the Forga family had no objections with installing the chargers in the Hazelwood parking area. Chairman Hite suggested getting letters of support by next Wednesday.

G. REVIEW OF SOLAR AND EV CHARGING PRESENTATION AT TOW BUDGET RETREAT

Board Member Dickson reported that Council voted to direct staff to draft an RFP for the solar arrays for the Rec Center and Public Works buildings.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Hite suggested making the next ESB meeting on May 8th because May 1st is right after the State Energy Conference.

Mr. Hites presented the new job description for the Deputy Public Works Director.

I. TEAM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Board Members broke out into subgroups- Electric Transportation, Urban Ecology, and Energy.

J. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

ATTEST:

William Hite, Board Chair

Candace Poolton, Town Clerk