

## Monroe County Environmental Commission

*“The Commission shall serve in an advisory role and focus on educating the community and engaging residents and businesses in supporting initiatives which will help ensure a healthier and more economically viable future for the County.”*

### I. Call to Order

**The October 13, 2021 meeting of the Monroe County Environmental Commission was held virtually via Zoom conference and was called to order by President Nolan Hendon at 5:32 P.M.**

**Commission Members Present: Nolan Hendon (Pres.), Lauren Clemens (Vice Pres), Peter Iversen, Lee Jones, Dave Warren.**

### II. Public Comment

- a. No members of the public were present to make comments.

### III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes were approved unanimously

### IV. ERI Next Steps and Env Commission Actions

- a. Warren proposed the Commission could use some of its funds to purchase outdoor air quality monitoring sensors (specifically particulate matter sensors) to install around the County to be used for both real time alerts and time series data. This would address part 19A of the ERI HRI next steps report. This could potentially be done in collaboration with Monroe County, CoB, and IU. Jones mentioned the Commission has a fund available. Iversen said there is approximately \$10,000 in the fund. Need to develop a detailed proposal if we want to go this route. Warren is going to reach out to IU contacts and Hendon will reach out to the County's Emergency Management Department to gauge interest in this data.
- b. Clemens the E.C. could potentially partner with a local non-profit Canopy Bloomington. Their initial program is to partner with CoB to identify an area for tree planting. Clemens proposed the EC could help identify ideal areas for tree plantings in the County in partnership with Canopy Bloomington. Iversen recommended Ellettsville and Unionville may be ideal areas. Township trustees may have ideas of potential tree plantings would be most beneficial. Clemens will reach out to Canopy Bloomington to gauge interest in a partnership.
- c. Iversen shared a document listing all the ERI recommendations for next steps and identified County departments that would best be suited to address each recommendation. He noted the County doesn't currently have departments/positions that would be suitable to address some

recommendations, and suggested a new Sustainability Director position would be ideal.

- V. Report from Council: Peter Iversen
  - a. Iversen has multiple upcoming meetings with County staff and HR consultants to discuss the creation of a Sustainability Director position in the County and how this position might fit. Iversen also mentioned that the County has set aside funds to hire a consultant to do a solar pv feasibility analysis at County properties. The start date for this is TBD.
- VI. Old Business
  - a. none
- VII. New Business
  - a. none
- VIII. Adjournment

**Hendon motioned to adjourn the meeting. Clemens seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 P.M.**

The next EC meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 5:30 P.M.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:  
Nolan Hendon**