

## Monroe County Environmental Commission Minutes

*“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.”*

August 15, 2024

Present (in person): Goswami, Grinstead, Jones, Hendon, Wilson

Absent: Geunther, Iversen

No public comment

Minutes not available for approval.

Commission should ask Kelsey Thetonia (County MS4 Coordinator) to visit a meeting and give her opinion on what is needed for the EC. Work on specific projects?

Determine if Peter Iversen still interested in being the commission’s liason.

### Blue Ribbon Commission

- What types of subcommittees might come out of it.?
- Lee is still chair of this commission.
- Intern put together a living document for guidance. Intern is no longer with the BRC. Peter should be able to provide this document for the commission.
- Kelsey was working closely with Peter on this, she might be able to point us right direction.

County solar hasn’t begun installation. Lee will ask for an update to see status.

Alternate fuel vehicles. Find out if sheriff department did demo and their feedback? Seems to moved out of hands out of commissioners/council.

### CDO

- Trying to still legislate development on slopes (despite state legislation) through stormwater ordinances. Will essentially make it more expensive to develop these areas.
- Strong desire to pass CDO by end of year.

- Living document

#### New Business:

- Lee still interested in tree ordinance.
  - Put on agenda for next month
  - Lee will try to send out examples of good ordinances elsewhere (City has good one) others with similar topography
  - Replacing trees that are removed
  - What to do with removed trees?
  - List of trees for various conditions, e.g. as climate changes
  - CanopyBloomington may have resources that could help guide the County.

#### Jail:

- New site has been proposed by vernal pike near curry pike.
  - Jones stated this is a good existing ecosystem habitat. Preference for previous sight that was mostly cattle pasture (North Park). Waiting on level 2 env for this site.
  - Possibly put on agenda for September for EC to take some sort of action on