

# **Kane County**

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# KC Energy and Environmental Committee

# **Meeting Minutes**

BATES, Tarver, Allan, Kious, Roth, Strathmann, Young, ex-officios Pierog (County Chair) and Tepe (County Vice Chair)

Friday, July 14, 2023

9:00 AM

**County Board Room** 

## 1. Call To Order

Madam Chair Bates called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

PRESENT	Board Member Mavis Bates
	Board Member Bill Tarver
	Board Member Chris Kious
	Board Member Bill Roth
	Board Member Cherryl Strathmann
	Board Member David Young
ABSENT	Ex-Officio County Board Chair Corinne M. Pierog
	Ex-Officio County Board Vice Chair Vern Tepe
AWAY	Board Member Deborah Allan

Also present: Bd. Members Daugherty\*, Juby\* & Molina\*; Envir. & Wtr. Res. Dir. Wollnik; Recycling Res. Coord. Ryan; Dev. Exec. Planner Miller; Sp. ASA Shepro\*; ITD staff Peters; and members of the press and public.

- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Remote Attendance Requests

None.

4. Approval of Minutes: June 16, 2023

RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

**MOVER:** Chris Kious

5. Public Comment (Agenda Items)

None.

# 6. Environmental (J.Wollnik)

Envir. & Wtr. Res. Dir. Wollnik briefly summarized the following resolution. (Allan\* arrived - 9:02 AM)

A. Authorizing a Budget Adjustment for Sustainability Manager Salary for the Department of Environmental & Water Resources

KC Finance and Budget Committee

RESULT: MOVED FORWARD BY ROLL CALL VOTE

**TO:** KC Finance and Budget Committee

MOVER: Chris Kious SECONDER: Bill Tarver

AYE: Mavis Bates, Bill Tarver, Deborah Allan, Chris Kious, Bill Roth,

Cherryl Strathmann, and David Young

# 7. Recycling/Solid Waste (C. Ryan)

**A.** Recycling Options: Solar Panels and Lithium-ion Batteries

Recycling Res. Coord. Ryan provided a presentation on the recycling process of solar panels and lithium-ion batteries. She spoke on the various components of solar panels and how each one can be disposed of properly, which may prove to be difficult. Much discussion ensued. She listed various items that utilize lithium-ion batteries. She presented the anatomy of the battery and which components can be recycled. She spoke on various recycling processes, such as heat and chemical breakdown. Discussion ensued.

Ryan provided a number of program updates, including on-site kiosks for items that may be otherwise difficult to dispose of. She announced that there will be a Recycling Extravaganza event on July 22, 2023 at 540 S. Randall Road from 8:00am to 12:00pm. This event will focus on items such as light bulbs, electronics, books, batteries, and aerosols.

# 8. Sustainability (J.Wollnik)

A. Sustainability Update Presentation

Envir. & Wtr. Res. Dir. Wollnik provided updates on the solar panel installation project at the Judicial Center. She presented progress photos and detailed upcoming steps to completion. Discussion ensued regarding solar installation via the www.solarswitch.com/kanecounty website. She announced that the Climate Action Implementation Plan team will meet on July 20, 2023. Further information can be found at http://palebluedot.llc/kane-climate-action.

# B. Tree Protection Ordinance Update, Karen Miller

Dev. Exec. Planner Miller noted that she will be bringing tree preservation information to the Energy & Environmental Committee as it becomes available. Discussion ensued.

#### 9. New Business

Committee member Young discussed the fires in Canada and how it has affected our local air quality. Discussion ensued.

#### 10. Chairs Comments

Madam Chair Bates spoke on the effects of climate change. Additional discussion ensued.

# 11. Reports Placed On File

RESULT: APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

**MOVER:** Chris Kious

# 12. Executive Session (if needed)

None.

## 13. Open Session

A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes

There were no closed session minutes to be voted on by the Committee.

# 14. Public Comment (Non- Agenda Items)

None.

## 15. Adjournment

RESULT: APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE

MOVER: Bill Roth
SECONDER: Bill Tarver

This meeting was adjourned at 10:14 AM.

Christine Redmond Recording Secretary