
Notes from 3rd Energy Conservation Meeting

Thursday, April 26, 2018 -- Red Lodge Area Community Foundation

Focus Groups

Internal Policies & Practices -- Kathryn Eklund and Martha Brown

Fleet, Buildings, & Streetlights -- Bill DeGroot and Henry Dykema

Codes & Land Use -- Theresa Whistler, Jeff DiBenedetto, and Bill Foisy

Solid Waste, Recycling, & Compost -- Corey Thompson, Kate Belinda, and Green Team

Wastewater & Water -- Kevin Owens and Dan Seifert

Today's Objective

1. Present, discuss, and approve all Strategies
2. Write Education & Outreach Strategies and any additional strategies

Agenda

4:00 Welcome

4:05 Present Strategies from March meeting


- Listen to the Strategies put forth by each group
 - Each group presented the Strategies they have been working on. We made edits as a group, correcting some grammar issues and adding more detail and explanation to the strategies. Took out some things that were decided to be unachievable or unapplicable.
- Brainstorm what education pieces should be implemented, this list will become the Education & Outreach Strategies
 - We did not have time to discuss Education and Outreach Strategies, need to regroup and decide if this is a section we really want to include

5:40 Approve Master List of Strategies

- Edited strategy list was approved, Kathryn will work to clean it up and make it uniform and more concise.

5:50 Discuss Public Works Committee Meeting

- Group decided that we are not ready to take our Strategies to the Public Works Meeting. Some members were concerned that our strategies do not include projected costs and projected savings, and want that to be calculated before we present it. Others felt that figuring out exact costs is outside of our expertise and would be far too time consuming. Questions were raised as to whether our role is to be "visionaries" or number crunchers. It was decided that at a minimum, we should rank each strategy based on its priority level and identify organizations and entities
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in Red Lodge who could tackle each strategy before presenting to the Public Works Committee. The question was also raised as to whether or not we should include a strategy that calls for the creation of a full time Sustainability Coordinator position, someone who can carry out these strategies once the Plan is completed.

- Ultimately, we decided that Corey and Kathryn will give a short progress report to Public Works at their May 8th meeting, and we will give our full Strategy presentation after our May Energy Conservation Plan meeting.

6:00 Wrap-Up

Next Meeting -- May

Set our Reduction Target Goal(s)

Establish a Plan for Monitoring, Implementation, & Reporting