

## **AGENDA**

Eau Claire County

- Sustainability Advisory Committee •

**Date:** September 13th

**Time:** 5:00 P.M.

**Location:** Eau Claire County Court House, Room 3312

721 Oxford Avenue Eau Claire, WI 54703

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## **AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meeting Law
4. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes from June 14th and August 9th pages 2-5
5. Public Comment Period
6. CARP Transportation Strategies - Discussion
7. CARP Action Steps - Discussion pages 6-7
8. Members, Staff and Agency Updates-Discussion
  - a. Energy Efficiency Navigator Grant update
  - b. Agriculture & Rural Resilience Summit October 21 in Eau Claire
  - c. Other updates
9. Items for the Next Agenda
10. Next Meeting - TBD
11. Adjourn



**MINUTES**  
Eau Claire County  
Sustainability Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Tami Schraufnagel, Jim Dunning, Amy Alpine, Nathan Anderson, Kathy Campbell, Cathy Lea, Jeni Thorpe

Absent: Jeff White, Tim Davis, Lily Strehlow, Eleanor Wolf

Others: Regan Watts – Committee Clerk, Mike Lea- public

**Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice.**

Chair Schraufnagel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and confirmed that the meeting was noticed.

**Roll Call**

The roll was called by the clerk, and it is noted above under present. A quorum was confirmed.

**Public Comment**

**Review/Approve meeting minutes from March 8th**

Motion by Dunning. Unanimous approval.

**Welcome new committee member Jeni Thorpe**

Jeni Thorpe is replacing Patrick Bethke as Eau Claire Energy Cooperatives representative.

**Energy Data Review**

Regan provided an overview of Eau Claire County's energy usage and emissions.

**CARP Energy Strategies Draft**

Committee reviewed and provided feedback on the Energy Strategies. Updates will be made then reviewed again at next meeting.

**CARP Energy 2024-2025 Action Steps**

Committee reviewed and provided feedback on the Energy Action Steps. Updates will be made then reviewed again at next meeting.

### **Review of other community plans**

Committee discussed strategies in other community plans that could be replicated or supported within the CARP.

### **Member & Staff Updates**

Regan will be serving on a panel of local governments at the Energy Fair in Custer on Friday June 23rd. To discuss what Eau Claire County is doing for clean energy.

Committee discussed the impacts the Canadian wildfires have had on the community. During the meeting air quality was poor and the smoke from the fires was prevalent.

### **Items for next agenda**

#### **Next meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for July 12th, 5PM at Eau Claire County Gouvernement Center.

\*This meeting was postponed due to August 9th a conflict with a special County Board meeting.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Regan Watts*

Regan Watts – Clerk, Recycling & Sustainability Coordinator



**MINUTES**  
Eau Claire County  
Sustainability Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 5:00  
p.m.

Present: Tami Schraufnagel, Jim Dunning, Amy Alpine, Cathy Lea, Lily Strehlow,

Absent: Jeff White, Tim Davis, Eleanor Wolf, Jeni Thorpe, Nathan Anderson, Kathy Campbell

Others: Regan Watts – Committee Clerk, Ralph Hutchens-public, John Viner-public, Matt Michels-P&D

**Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice.**

Chair Schraufnagel called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and confirmed that the meeting was noticed.

**Roll Call**

The roll was called by the clerk, and it is noted above under present. A quorum was not present.

**Public Comment**

**Review/Approve meeting minutes from June 14th**

No quorum present, was not voted on.

**Energy Efficiency Navigator Program**

John Viner from Elevate and Regan reviewed the navigator program with the committee and shared updates on the pre-application that was submitted to fund the program. Staff will know by September meeting if we were invited for a full application.

**Preview of CARP document**

Committee previewed the design of the document to date.

**CARP Energy Strategies Draft**

Lily and Cathy both noted need to bring out the equity language/focus in the strategies and goals. Add key indicator to indicate what income levels are taking advantage of resources or number of participants in energy assistance programs. Regan will look into options to track demographics of what businesses are utilizing resources. Also add some indicators around multi-family program utilization.

### **CARP Solid Waste Strategies**

Cathy noted the need to improve waste diversion at community events.

### **CARP Action Steps**

Committee members discussed proposed actions steps and proposed new ones. Regan will add for next meeting.

### **Member & Staff Updates**

### **Items for next agenda**

#### **Next meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for September 13th, 5PM at Eau Claire County Government Center Room 3312.

#### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Regan Watts*

Regan Watts – Clerk, Recycling & Sustainability Coordinator

# 2024-2025 Action Steps

Focus Area	Action Steps	Relevant Strategy	Estimated Cost	FTE	Project Duration	Potential Funding Sources	Priority (Low, Med, High)
Solid Waste	Bring back mattress recycling						
	Improve waste disposal guide						
	Coordinate with community events to increase recycling and composting rates.						
	Collaborate with community groups on waste reduction efforts. (Bring your own container, Plastic Free July, etc.)						
	Update County recycling code.						
Transportation	Assess County policies and align to promote EV readiness						
	Identify locations for "Park & Rides" in rural parts of county.						
	Participate and promote EV events.						
	Promote County and City bike systems and public transportation.						
	Identify opportunities for public charging infrastructure in rural communities and pursue funding.						
Agriculture & Natural Resources							

# 2026 - 2030 Action Steps

Focus Area	Action Steps	Relevant Strategy	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Sources	Priority (Low, Med, High)
Energy	Implement Home Energy Rating Ordinance				
	Promote energy efficient homes with tours/ local case studies.				
Solid Waste	Feasibility Study for Waste Recovery Center		\$\$		
	Explore feasibility of community compost drop sites				
Transportation	Explore feasibility of micro-transit and other solutions for rural community.				
	Establish "Park & Ride" locations				
Agriculture & Natural Resources					