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SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Call to order
 - a. Roll call

Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present: White, Beheler, Grabe, Saltes, Gottwald, Butusov and Gilles. Members absent: Brett Halverson. Also present: Administrator Owen. White also introduced new committee member Manon Gilles. Gilles will be the student representative on the committee.
- 2) Consent Agenda

Motion by Gottwald to approve the consent agenda, second by Saltes. Motion carried.

 - a. Adopt a Municipality Reports
 - b. Consideration of October 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - c. Energy Plan Update
- 3) Agenda Items
 - a. Appearance by MHASD Energy Team

Members of the Mount Horeb High School Energy Team were present to share their successes and upcoming plans and invited the SNR committee to partner on upcoming initiatives. The groups will keep in communication about upcoming events.
 - b. Idling Campaign Update

White shared a PowerPoint on idling campaigns. The SNR and Energy Team felt this would be a good partnership item as well and recommended getting word out in the school newsletter and signs at student drop off locations. The committee reviewed a flier that was created for the idling campaign. The consensus of the committee was a smaller flier using QR codes and links would be better received.
 - c. EPA Thriving Communities Grant

White and Grabe attended webinars regarding the EPA grants. White is waiting for a return call from the EPA regarding grant eligibility.

d. Green Team Discussion

Butusov reviewed a summary of survey findings. Survey numbers increased after the article appeared in the Mount Horeb Mail. Overall, there is good interest in forming a green team. Butusov will send the full survey results to the members and reach out to acknowledge those that participated and let them know they should expect to hear more about the green team after the new year.

e. Sustainability Plan Update

Saltes has not heard back from the Nelson Institute and will follow up. The consensus of the committee was to continue to look for funding opportunities for the plan preparation.

f. Sustainability Event at Skandahoovian Fest

The committee discussed options for partnering with the Skandahoovian Festival to promote sustainability. Grabe will look into the use of her solar lights as an SNR sign near the ice sculptures and Butusov will look into the option of creating a "Garbage Monster" costume out of old plastic bags. The garbage monster could attend events and distribute information on sustainable practices.

g. Future Agenda Items

The next meeting will be January 28th. Future items include, Energy Plan and Sustainability Plan Updates, Green Team Updates, idling campaign update, creation of a shared calendar, Skandahoovian fest update, 2025 Strategic Plan, appearance by High School Ecology Team and adaptive management presentation.

4) Meeting adjournment.

Motion by Butusov to adjourn, second by Gilles. Motion carried at 8:38 pm.