



ENRAC Agenda – Agenda

March 13, 2024 4:00 – 5:30pm

Attendees

Members: Michael Hughes, Deb Merchant, Kanchan Ojha, & Larry O’Keefe

Excused: Milt Roselinsky & Jason Schindler

Staff/Guests: Sean McGuire, Benton County Staff; Brian Lee, Corvallis Carbon Offset Fund
County Residents: Damilola Olajubutu, Jackson Rheuben, Sydney Tamplin

Welcome – Larry O’Keefe

4:00

- *Opened Meeting*
- *Icebreaker Question: Kanchan Ojha – What was the best thing to happen to you last week? Jackson will do April Icebreaker.*
- *Approved February Minutes*

Group Updates – Larry O’Keefe

- *Upcoming Events & Member Updates*
- *Michael: Recommended ENRAC provide an outlet for information, especially to our rural communities. This could include grants, events, etc. Sean will explore.*

ENRAC Membership & Leadership – Sean McGuire

Sean shared that the three guests at the meeting are applicants to become official ENRAC members. The Board of Commissioners will vote on their approval on March 19.

Action Item Updates – Larry & Deb

- [Corvallis Carbon Offset Fund](#) – *Brian Lee described the Carbon Offset Fund. The Fund has 3 main sources & activities: energy efficiency, solar projects, and carbon sequestration. Last year, the Fund received \$3,000, and at \$68 a ton means it reduced the carbon footprint by 44 tons.*
- *Blue Sky, Oregon Community Solar Program, & the 1.5% – Per member request, Sean explained the 3 topics. Blue Sky does provide specific Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to the County. The OCSP is a service that the County subscribes to fund large-scale solar projects. And, the 1.5% is the required amount of funding from total construction costs that must go to solar and/or energy efficiency projects.*
- *Seeds for the Sol & Potential Benton County Revolving Fund – Sean stated that he will work with Julie Williams to develop a fact sheet for ENRAC’s review and ultimately to be sent to rural areas.*

New Priorities – Larry & Deb

- *Discussion focused on the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition’s Shift Together & Related Programs’ Campaign Materials for Rural Benton. The next step for ENRAC is to: 1: Design materials; 2: Develop a plan to get them out; and 3: Identify costs for 1 & 2.*

Benton County Updates – Sean McGuire

In speaking with ENRAC members, Sean will provide brief monthly updates on Benton County activities, initiatives, & priorities.

- *Sustainable Materials Management Plan – County is proceeding to have first full meeting in April or May*
- *Topics from Members*

Future Meetings, Wrap-Up, & Next Steps

- *April Meeting – In-Person?*
- *Review Action Items & Follow-Ups; Next Month’s Topic; &/or Identify Speaker/s*
- *At our next meeting, everyone will introduce themselves in a more collective way.*

Adjourn

5:30