



ENRAC Agenda – Minutes

May 8, 2024 4:00 – 5:30pm

Attendees

Members: Michael Hughes, Deb Merchant, Damilola Olajubutu, Jackson Rheuben, Jason Schindler, and Sydney Tamplin
Excused: Kanchan Ojha & Milt Roselinsky
Staff/Guests: Sean McGuire, Benton County Staff

Welcome – Deb Merchant

4:00

- *Opened Meeting*
- *Icebreaker Question: Sean McGuire – What do you like or going to do now that it's sunny? Sydney will have June Icebreaker.*
- *Approved April Minutes*

Group Updates – Deb Merchant

- *Upcoming Events & Member Updates*

Action Item Updates

Seeds for the Sol & Potential Benton County Revolving Fund – Sean McGuire

- *Sean Action Item: Meet with Julie Williams & County Staff. Sean met with Julie Williams & Finance staff to explore the concept of the County Revolving Fund. Finance saw good opportunities and potential funding to pursue the concept. Sean will continue working with Julie & staff.*

Methods for Outreach to Rural Areas – Sean (Action Item from March)

- *Sydney Action Item: Research messaging techniques to establish trust in rural areas. Sydney shared her research and insight on methods to distribute information to be consumed by the public.*
- *Sean Action Item: Meet with County PIO Staff on messaging to rural areas. Sean met with PIO, and the County will continue to push social media alerts that include rural areas.*

Proposal to ENRAC Members – Sean McGuire

Sean shared with members that the County is expecting Republic Services to submit a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) at Coffin Butte. County Code states SWAC provides recommendations to the Planning Commission, but SWAC is not meeting during the SMMP process. The County is asking if ENRAC members would be willing to assume SWAC's role. Many questions were asked & perspectives shared. Consensus is that members requested more information before making the decision. Sean will follow up with more details based on members' questions.

Potential Projects/Initiatives from New Members – Deb Merchant

Deb briefly reviewed previous ENRAC activities and success stories, including a memo to Community Development on regional water issues. ENRAC will revisit this topic next month.

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 continuing efforts to move forward on the SMMP.*
- *Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Coordinator – Consultant provided review of their findings and recommendations on EDI position.*
- *Benton County Government GHG Emissions & Climate Action Plan – Presented to BOC on long-range estimates of GHG emissions. Annual update delayed.*
- *Topics from Members*

Future Meetings, Wrap-Up, & Next Steps

- *June Meeting – In-Person (this time, we mean it!)?*
- *Review Action Items & Follow-Ups; Next Month’s Topic; &/or Identify Speaker/s*

Adjourn

5:30