

Cass Lake Energy & Environment Planning Team Meeting 1

November 16, 2021 7-8:30pm

Present: Herschel Ogema, Tracey Fineday, Brandy Toft, Mike Hanson, Erica Bjelland, BJ Allen

Intro to What is Energy & Environment, relationship to basic human needs – water, food, shelter, etc.

The Planning Team discussed their interest in Energy & Environment. Herschel, Mayor, expressed he is very very interested in figuring out how can we put an end to the superfund issue, it's affected so many people over the years. Everybody on the Planning Team shared a personal story related to the superfund site. Mike is on the City council and reiterated that the superfund site is the city's biggest issue he is most interested in resolving. Tracey, Deputy City Clerk, lived right next to the superfund site, also very important to resolve. Brandy, Env Deputy Director of DRM, expressed concerns that St Regis wants to litigate it to death to stay here, so her interests are in renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Erica is a Planner with Region Five Development Commission.

BJ is President of JBJ World Industries LLC that works in Energy, Environment, Education and Expedition.

Erica explained why Energy & Environment Planning is important to Region Five and discussed that the region has been asking for these sorts of plans. We are also committed to making them useful, and so have some grant funding to immediately implement project(s) prioritized during the planning process.

Discussed the primary goal of this first meeting is to get a modified Survey based on our draft. Talked about the purpose of survey. We went through each question and modified the survey. **Survey will be open 12/1/21 through 12/31/21.** LED light bulbs will be handed out at City Hall to those who participate in the survey.

Brandy asked to bring Jason Helgeson in for the next meeting. He is working on brownfield revitalization in the City. Herschel also reached out after the meeting to let us know he will invite another individual to the next meeting.

We briefly introduced [JamBoard](#) for ideas related to City goals and projects.

We will change times for the next meetings to 5-6:30pm. Remaining meeting schedule: 12/15, 1/19, 2/16