

Lake County Illinois

*Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex
18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

10:30 AM

**or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Public Works, Planning
and Transportation Committee, whichever is later.**

**Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register to virtually attend at
<https://bit.ly/3OxWbOT>**

Energy & Environment Committee

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- (1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower (9th Floor, if necessary), 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.
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- * Meeting: Energy and Environment Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)
- * Name (REQUIRED)
- * Topic or Agenda Item # (REQUIRED)
- * Street Address, City, State (Optional)
- * Phone Number (Optional)
- * Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self")

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1. Call to Order

Chair Wilke called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wilke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Wasik and Chair Wilke

Absent 1 - Member Barr

**Electronic Attendance: Member Wasik*

Others Present:

Abby Krakow, Communications

Carissa Casbon, Board Member

Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction

Carl Renouard, Public

Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

Frank D'Andrea, Finance

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Gavin Good, Chicago Tribune

Grant Benjamin, Public

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

Jessica Vealitzek, Board Member

Joe Arcus, Planning, Building and Development

Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office

Jon Nelson, Division of Transportation

Kelly Shelton, Quercus Consulting

Kevin Quinn, Communications

Krista Braun, Planning, Building and Development

Krista Kennedy, Finance

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Michael Wheeler, Finance

Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald

Paul Frank, Board Member

Robin Grooms, County Administrator's Office

Sonia Hernandez, County Administrator's Office

Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Wilke noted this is the most excited meeting we've every had.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.

8. New Business**CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)*****APPROVAL OF MINUTES*****8.1 22-1008**

Minutes from June 8, 2022.

Attachments: [E&E 6.8.22 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Hewitt, seconded by Vice Chair Parekh, that the minutes from June 8, 2022 be approved. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Altenberg, Member Hewitt, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Wasik and Chair Wilke

Absent: 1 - Member Barr

REGULAR AGENDA**8.2 22-1066**

Introduction of Sustainability Program Manager.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, introduced Robin Grooms, Sustainability Program Manager, who briefly explained her background in sustainability. Chair Wilke welcomed Sustainability Program Manager Grooms.

8.3 22-1067

Presentation & discussion regarding the Greenest Region Compact Framework and the continued reporting of sustainability metrics.

Attachments: [GRC2-Framework-22 Publication](#)
[Greenest Region Compact Presentation E&E](#)

Robin Grooms, Sustainability Program Manager, gave a presentation regarding the Greenest Region Compact Framework, during which, she explained that there are 49 goals designated within 10 categories. Sustainability Program Manager Grooms outlined the goals that the County has achieved, as well as the goals that are planned and in progress.

Discussion ensued.

Sustainability Program Manager Grooms noted that the County has increased its level of achievement towards meeting the Compact goals since 2019. Sustainability Program Manager Grooms provided recommendations for the Committee including: achieving 95 percent adoption for objectives and strategies in the Compact, providing an updated version for the Framework, pursuing Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus grants, and becoming active members of the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus committees.

Further discussion ensued.

8.4 [22-1068](#)

Update on Committee Workplan.

Robin Grooms, Sustainability Program Manager, gave an update regarding the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program, noting that the County has received information from the Illinois Energy Conservation Authority (IECA) about three projects that have been pre-approved for the Program.

Chair Wilke asked for an update regarding the Residential Property Assessed Clean Energy (Residential PACE) Program. Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, noted that the Program will be included for consideration for the 2023 Legislative agenda.

Sustainability Program Manager Grooms provided an update regarding the single-use plastics prohibition at the County.

Discussion ensued.

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's Report.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

Vice Chair Parekh welcomed Robin Grooms, Sustainability Program Manager, and thanked her for being on the team.

Chair Wilke echoed Vice Chair Parekh's remarks and noted that he would like Lake County to be a leader in sustainability.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wilke declared the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 7, 2022

Minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Respectfully submitted,

Energy and Environment Committee Chair