



## Energy and Sustainability Task Force Agenda

June 1, 2023, 3:00 pm

201 South Holden St.

Warrensburg School District R-VI Central Office – Board Room

### MINUTES

Attending: Bruce Uhler, Terry Vair, Enrico Villegas, Chris Deal, Barb Curtis, Phil Miller, Steve Granger, Kathy Strickland, Phil Adlich, Travis Hume, Kurt Davis

1. WHS Environmental Club Survey Update – Aubrey’s students will present to the Warrensburg City Council at their meeting on June 12, 2023.
2. Tree Board, Tree Campus, and Tree City Update
  - a. Tree Campus - Kathy is working with Professor Mark Goodwin on getting tree trail signs ready for students' service learning project in the fall.
  - b. City received a letter about possibly selling timber from the City’s land holdings in the Cooper Blvd and Hawthorne Park area. The City is planning a connector street between Cooper and Hawthorne area in the future.
    - i. Travis Hume knows a company called A Cut Above that has purchased trees at both UCM farms, and the farms got 30% of revenue - interested in hard woods, especially black walnut - turns them into pallets and creates a better habitat on the cleared property (conservation clearing).
    - ii. Kurt Davis knows buyers in St. Joseph that want cottonwood and maybe walnut.
    - iii. Phil M. suggested that a tree be planted for every tree that is removed and not relocated. Bruce said in Sweden you plant five for every one tree cut down.
    - iv. ESTF members are interested in taking a field trip to the site to identify trees that are coming down and what might be planted in the future once the road has been built.
  - c. Chuck Connor was going to attend this 6/1 meeting until the time was moved from 4 to 3 p.m. He is interested in attending the next meeting. Chuck is a Community Forester, ISA Certified Arborist, ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified, Missouri Dept. of Conservation.
3. Bruce proposed a new location for the next meeting and potential future meetings - Jack Moore Room at the Train Depot across the street. The motion was unanimously accepted.
4. The Warrensburg Energy and Sustainability Task Force Facebook page needs content - Terry suggested people would be interested in watering tips, especially during a drought. Other suggestions included posting information about invasive species, gardening tips and a recycling info sheet listing nearby locations that recycle paper, glass, metal and plastic.
5. Enrico reminded the task force that a new ordinance needs to be developed now that the Tree Board has been rolled into the Energy and Sustainability Task Force. He is working with Doug on a draft of the new ordinance and will run it by the committee for review. There may be a study session at the July City Council meeting about Burns McDonnell's Solid Waste Analysis report.
6. New Interim Parks Manager Chris Deal reported that he is looking for advice on native plants to plant in the city's parks. It was suggested he work with Phil, Barb, Vern and others in Citizens for Environmental Action (CEA).