

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

NIRPC - Lake Michigan Room

January 10, 2019

Minutes

Members/Guests: Jan Bapst, Geof Benson, Reggie Korthals, Sarah Nimetz, Lauri Keagle, Deb Backhus, Greg Towler, Jennifer Gadzala, Kacie Sawadski, Sylvia Collins, Katherine Moore Powell, Victoria Wittig and Brenda Scott-Henry.

NIRPC Staff: Kathy Luther, Joe Exl, Dominique Edwards and Candice Eklund.

Call to Order

Jan Bapst called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

On motion by Reggie Korthals and second by Geof Benson, the November 1, 2018 and the November 8, 2018 EMPC meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2050 Plan Strategies Identification

Eman Ibrahim and Joe Exl presented the environmental 2050 plan strategies for the connected, renewed, united and vibrant vision statements. Eman stated there would be two phases in completing the vision statements, with today's meeting discussing phase I. The objective of Phase I is to make the strategies achievable, measurable and more realistic. The performance measures will consider the economy, land use and environmental as well as transportation mobility. The objective of phase II is to determine who will be responsible for implementing the actions needed for each strategy.

The committee discussed each strategy for the connected vision statements, with changes and newly created action items being noted for document revisions. On consensus of the group, it was decided that each member would review the three remaining vision columns individually, using the connected column as an example when considering their input. The updated strategies document will be sent electronically to the group on January 11, 2019 with all input being emailed to Kathy Luther and Joel Exl by January 15, 2019.

Eman concluded her presentation stating the strategies for all committees will available on NIRPC's website after each subcommittee completes their revisions.

Announcements

The event announcements submitted will be distributed in an email to the committee.

Adjournment

Hearing no other business, Jan Bapst adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m. The next EMPC meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

A Digital MP3 of this meeting is filed. Contact Candice Eklund at 219-763-6060 Ext 142 or ceklund@nirpc.org should you wish to receive a copy of it.