



DU PAGE COUNTY

Environmental Committee

Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
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Tuesday, November 7, 2023

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Sheila Rutledge at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Member Evans arrived at 8:35 AM.

PRESENT	Covert, Cronin Cahill, Evans, Garcia, and Rutledge
ABSENT	LaPlante

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR RUTLEDGE

No remarks were offered.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Barcus with Dark Sky International presented updates including the introduction of the program into the Village of Lake Bluff and the incentive for larger cities to participate in the program by dimming their lights without visual noticeability resulting in cost reductions. Barcus also mentioned his involvement with an employee of Home Depot at the Carol Stream location presenting to incorporate the idea of being a beta test site for dimming in their parking lots, which would lead to 2,000 locations across the states.

Kay McKeen, the Executive Director of SCARCE, thanked staff and County Board Members for bringing in bread tags and paper bags for the food pantries. McKeen announced that there are currently 24 locations in DuPage County for pumpkin smashing, including new locations Wood Dale, Hanover Park and a church in Carol Stream. Updates on cooking oil recycling locations were also mentioned as well as permanent cooking oil collection sites.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [23-3641](#)

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RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

6. PARENT COMMITTEE APPROVAL**6.A. [EN-R-0019-23](#)**

Recommendation for the approval of a grant agreement between the County of DuPage and Choose DuPage for Choose DuPage to manage Sustainable DuPage, for the period of December 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024, for a total amount not to exceed \$60,000.

The 2023 accomplishments of CHOOSE DuPage were discussed. The organization reached their goal of 10 new green business assessments with an additional location for one of the businesses resulting in 11 total facilities. There were 4 webinars that resulted in 175 participants which they anticipate more webinars in 2024, in turn growing those participant numbers. The County organization created a Sustainable DuPage website, added 32 different resources and is working on case studies from 6 different industries and a sustainable business plan template to help businesses.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Sadia Covert
SECONDER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill

6.B. [SM-P-0065-23](#)

Recommendation for the approval of a contract issued to School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education (SCARCE), for Professional Education Services, for Stormwater Management, for the period of December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024, for a contract total not to exceed \$235,000. (\$85,000 SWM and \$150,000 Environmental) Professional Services in compliance with the Illinois Local Government Professional Services Selection Act, 50 ILCS 510/ et. seq. vetted through a qualification based selection process.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SENT TO FINANCE
MOVER:	Paula Garcia
SECONDER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill

7. STAFF REPORTS**7.A. [23-3642](#)****2023 Propane Tank Recycling Program Summary**

Austin Knight, Environmental Specialist, shared an update on the Propane Tank Collection Program with Blackwell Forest Preserve campground stating that they collected 117 1-lb tanks which is an increase of 84 cylinders from 2022.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
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8. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 AM.