



DU PAGE COUNTY

Environmental Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, May 2, 2023

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Other Board Members present: Member Yeena Yoo and Member Patty Gustin.

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

MOTION TO ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Member Cahill moved and Member Covert seconded a motion to allow Member Evans to participate remotely, pursuant to Section 7(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Sadia Covert

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR RUTLEDGE

Chairwoman Rutledge reminded the committee members of her efforts for the Single Trash Hauler Project. Chairwoman Rutledge will be speaking on this topic on the next County Board meeting and hoped that the committee members would support her in this effort. Member Cahill expressed support for this project although she will be unable to attend the next County Board meeting.

3.A. April Civic Awareness Event on Plastics

The April Civic Awareness Event on Plastics was held by the League of Woman's Voters. The first day the event was held about 100 people attended. Chairwoman Sheila Rutledge expressed that it was well thought out.

3.B. Sign Recycling Event

The Sign Recycling Event held on April 21, 2023 obtained 27 cubic yards of signs. This event is to be held two to three weeks after every election for the public.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Barcus with Dark Sky spoke during public comments. Mr. Barcus attended Earth Day in Naperville and will be working with SCARCE. Mr. Barcus reviewed a study with the committee gathered in Indianapolis.

Executive Director of SCARCE, Kay McKeen, announced that SCARCE will be having a display in partnership with Dark Sky. Ms. McKeen expressed gratitude to those who went out to

support the students in the Annual Sustainable Design Challenge.

Marylee Len, a resident of DuPage County, suggested in person the possibility of having the signs collected from the Sign Recycling Event to be repurposed by the local beekeepers.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [23-1668](#)

Environmental Committee Minutes - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Attachments: [Environmental Committee Minutes - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, April 4, 2023](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Sheila Rutledge
SECONDER:	Sadia Covert

6. PARENT COMMITTEE APPROVAL

6.A. [EN-R-0016-23](#)

Memorandum of Understanding between the County of DuPage and Midwest Renewable Energy Association to provide a solar group buy program at no cost to the County.

Attachments: [Solar Switch Chicagoland MOU_2023](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED AT COMMITTEE
MOVER:	Sheila Rutledge
SECONDER:	Sadia Covert

7. PRESENTATIONS

7.A. [23-1669](#)

2022 Solid Waste & Recycling Annual Report

Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager, Joy Hinz, presented the 2022 Solid Waste & Recycling Annual Report. On a national level, California and Colorado passed an extended producer packaging bills. On Federal level, there was a lot of investment from the United States on recycling education grants and recycling infrastructure grants. At county level multiple special recyclable collections were organized for the community. Special collections events included but are not limited to tire collection, shredding events, and Rx Box programs. The divisions' website has received thousands of views for recycling guides and electronics recycling.

Attachments: [2022 Solid Waste & Recycling Annual Report](#)

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.A. Grow Geo Chicagoland Program

DuPage County will be working alongside Citizens of Utility Board (CUB) and Midwest Renewable Energy Association to introduce a new geothermal heat pump group-buy. The first goal is to educate residents on the benefits of geothermal and alongside offer a discounted geothermal unit. An evening webinar will be held on June 5th, 2023. The geothermal group-buy is open to all residents of Illinois.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Member Yoo relayed messages she had received from the public, asking if it was possible to move up the Sign Recycling Event to potentially be scheduled right after elections as oppose to the current two to three week wait. Chairwoman Rutledge shared that the event is held two to three weeks after the election because that is around the time that the election is certified.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 AM.