



## **Go Green Team**

### **Meeting Notes**

**April 22, 2022**

**Public Meeting Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Administration Building - Nevada, Iowa and meeting access also provided via Zoom.**

**ATTENDEES:** Anna Henderson, Bre Van Sickle, Jacob Witte, Amelia Schoeneman, Kimberly Grandinetti, Terri Loneman, Matt Boeck, Sandra King, Erin Rewerts, Latifah Faisal, Rebekah Beall, Leanne Harter

#### **I. Update on data gathering for GHG inventory**

Leanne Harter shared an update on data gathering for GHG inventory, noting the inventory should hopefully be available in May or June.

#### **II. Elect co-chairs**

Following a discussion of the duties and responsibilities of the co-chair position(s), Amelia Schoeneman and Bre Van Sickle agreed to serve in the capacity of co-chairs for the Go Green Team.

#### **III. Subcommittees/Task Force Assignments**

Members discussed whether the three task forces that existed from 2009-2014 were applicable to the revised efforts now underway. The three identified task forces and members (as identified at the meeting) include:

- i. Environment and Physical Improvements – Anna Henderson, Bre Van Sickle, Jacob Witte, Amelia Schoeneman
- ii. Purchasing Policies and Budgeting – Kimberly Grandinetti, Terri Loneman
- iii. Outreach – Matt Boeck, Sandra King, Erin Rewerts, Latifah Faisal, Rebekah Beall

Prior to the next meeting, Harter will reach out to those not present to find out what task force they are interested in joining.

#### **IV. Building reps**

Members discussed having representatives from each building. The following were identified:

- a. Administration – Terri Loneman
- b. Justice Center – TBD

- c. Engineer/Secondary Roads – Bre Van Sickle
- d. McFarland Park/SCC – Rebekah Beall
- e. Human Services Center – Erin Rewerts
- f. Animal Control – Anna Henderson

## **V. Short term goals**

Potential short-term goals identified include: recycling bins more visible, posters in buildings, emails on practices to email out to County staff. The discussion dovetailed into the brainstorming of projects as noted below.

## **VI. Projects (brainstorming)**

- Making recycling bins more visible along with noting and educating what goes in each one. Letting people know where they are on floors in buildings
- Invite staff from the Resource Recovery Plant to attend a meeting to discuss what they do and how glass is handled
- Where does recycling occur in Story County and what happens to it?
- Put reminder on calendars to recycle
- Investigate how other animal shelters are addressing waste and practices they have in place. Practice exists to bring shredding to the animal shelter now
- Composter at conservation
- Discussion of food waste – make employees aware of where the food waste can go rather than through the garbage waste system
- Find can redemption sites and share information with County employees.
- Paper recycling locations in Ames
- Identify ways to make recycling easier
- Identify who the garbage providers are throughout Story County and find out if they provide recycling
- DEG usage question – check with UNI to see if this is built into the greenhouse gas inventory
- Assess what kind of lighting in County – exterior and interior
- Recycling communications – how and what to recycle and where
- Investigate possibility to go to cloud as a County – could we all have a tablet as employees to reduce the amount of paper this is printed off
- Research how papers are being shredded, etc., and then what is happening
- Water bottle fillers at buildings
- Ideas for people to get started at home – such as food waste
- Carbon footprint quiz online
- Work from home opportunities
- Recycling electronics – what type of computer waste are we generating
- Four-day work week potential

- Story County Conservation working with Blank Park Zoo for recycling – can we put boxes in all County buildings
- Profiles of employees and things they are doing
- Transitioning to vehicles that are energy efficient – hybrid
- Community gardening opportunities
- Paving treatments such as permeable pavers
- Potential for solar
- Other treatment options for winter time and dust control on roads that are environmentally-friendly

## **VII. Other**

Nothing noted.

## **VIII. Next meeting date and time**

Group members decided the meeting would be scheduled on an ongoing basis monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last Friday of the month. Harter noted an email group and calendar had been set up by IT. In addition, access to the meetings would continue to be provided via Zoom.

## **IX. Adjournment**