

BLUE Minutes

Date: February 9, 2020

Present: Dean, Karen, Pat, Doug, Kelsey, Dan

Time 3:00

Welcome to Kelsey and Dan who learned about BLUE from Facebook.

BUSINESS

Date and Time Change of Meetings

NOTE: BLUE will now meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The location is UCC. Next meeting is Thursday, March 12th at 6:30 pm

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Charging Stations for EV

Pat spoke with Brainerd City Council person, Dave Badeaux, who told her that the Brainerd City Council is actively looking into a charging station in Brainerd on Maple St. Minnesota Power is also looking into charging stations in Motley and Crosby.

Candidate Scorecard

Members will follow the following candidates' voting records:

Lueck – Dean

Herring – Isaiah

Rep Stauber – Doug

Senator Gazaelka – Isaiah

Heintzmann – Karen

Senator Rud – Pat

Dean stated that Eleanor Burkett is collecting information on Heintzmann and will forward that to BLUE.

As the state legislative session is about to start, here are websites that were referenced in previous minutes for reference in developing our candidate scorecard:

<https://www.cleanwateraction.org/states/minnesota>

<https://www.cleanwateraction.org/sites/default/files/docs/publications/Minnesota%20State%20Scorecard%202017-2018%20Legislative%20Sessions.pdf>

https://scorecard.lcv.org/sites/scorecard.lcv.org/files/2018_LCV_Scorecard.pdf is another website that has a wealth of information on national scores for 2018.

I get this as a weekly email on legislative actions for the State of Minnesota. It is prepared by Indivisible MN: [Indivisible Minnesota Legislative Action](#)

Other websites of interest:

<https://environmentminnesota.org/sites/environment/files/cpn/AMN-112818-A1/index.html>

<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>

Earth Day

Blue is waiting for a reply from OMOF on an Earth Day Event at CLC.

Letters to the Editor

Pat wrote a letter to the Brainerd Dispatch in relation to the Governor's recent bonding bill. If a member writes a letter, consider sending it to Northland Press as well as the Dispatch. Other options include the Crosby Courier and the Aiken paper

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Treasurer's Report

None

Other Business

Pat attended the Our Mississippi Our Future event at the NP Brewery – small turnout

Dean attended the Soil and Conservation luncheon on Feb 6th. Rep Heintzmann, Lueck were present as well as Senator Ruud and Crow Wing Cty Commissioner, Burrows. Dean stated that there are a number of actions being taken in Crosslake (collect road runoff) and in Brainerd/Baxter. For example, the Rotary Club is purchasing land near the Mississippi river for conservation purposes.

Our Mississippi Our Future will hold a letter writing session on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 5:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall at UCC. For more information or to register, follow this link:

<https://secure.everyaction.com/vR6-UfO-o0OwTeShqJHQhw2?emci=913059f7-2348-ea11-a1cc-00155d03b1e8&emdi=7518e4be-f948-ea11-a1cc00155d031e8&ceid=7191967>

State Climatologist Ken Blumenfeld will present updates on climate change at CLC Chalberg Theater on April 20th at noon.