

## **Brainerd Lakers United for the Environment (BLUE)**

### **Agenda**

#### **Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Monthly Meeting**

Due to the social distancing requirements of the state's response to the Covid-19 crisis this month's meeting will once again be held on-line. Please join via the link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79709243722?pwd=OFdvTGZaL3JiS2NPaG92amJVazFTQT09>

Meeting ID: 797 0924 3722 Password: BLUE

#### **Old Business:**

- Update on Pat's initiative on Electric Vehicles.
- Continued discussion of steps forward in affiliating with MN350. Please take a few minutes to go on MN350's website <https://mn350.org> and review the content.
- Continued discussion of BLUE's candidates' environmental scorecard for the 2020 election cycle.
- Continued discussion on resuming BLUE's campaign of writing letters to the editor in local publications.
- Report on the "Our Mississippi, Our Future" on-line information sharing and letter writing session at 6:30 pm on Wednesday April 22<sup>th</sup> the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day.
- Report on the BLUE PO Box (PO Box #).

#### **New Business:**

- Treasure's report

## **BLUE Minutes**

### **Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Monthly On-Line Meeting**

Present: Doug, Richard, Judy, Herb Davis, Dean.

#### **BUSINESS**

##### **Affiliation with MN350**

No update

##### **Electric Vehicle Follow-up**

No update

##### **Candidate Scorecard**

No update

##### **Websites of interest:**

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

<https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>

##### **Earth Day**

Those present were in concensus in deciding to forgo any gathering to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day to adhere Governor Walz's direction to address the Covid-19 pandemic. It was determined that an ad acknowledging the event should still be run in the dispatch, Doug will contact the dispatch and offered to pay for the ad, the other members in attendance agreed donate to help cover the expense of the ad rather than drawing down the BLUE treasury.

Doug has since worked with the dispatch to design the ad and to authorize the Dispatch to run it (see attached).

Blue members are invited to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day by participating in the "Our Mississippi, Our Future" on-line information sharing and letter writing session at 6:30 pm on Wednesday April 22<sup>th</sup>. Please register in advance via the following link:

[https://secure.everyaction.com/hk7FSFyAoEqCH-a\\_RozaZQ2?emci=332224f8-f975-ea11-a94c-00155d03b1e8&emdi=c9ea3014-8776-ea11-a94c-00155d03b1e8&ceid=7191967](https://secure.everyaction.com/hk7FSFyAoEqCH-a_RozaZQ2?emci=332224f8-f975-ea11-a94c-00155d03b1e8&emdi=c9ea3014-8776-ea11-a94c-00155d03b1e8&ceid=7191967)

Letters will be prepared and emailed to your state representative and senator in support of a bonding bill that provides financing for three initiatives designed to protect water quality in the Mississippi River Headwaters Basin.

##### **Treasurer's Report**

No update

##### **PO Box**

No update

##### **Next Meeting**

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at UCC (any update to the location will accompany the distribution of the Agenda.)