

Orange County Commission for the Environment

Meeting Summary June 14, 2021; 7:30 pm *Virtual GoTo Meeting*

Present: Bradley Saul, Kim Piracci, Frank Binkowski, Kim Livingston, Bill Ward, James Eichel, Eric Scheier, Jaya Nair, Carrie Fletcher, Veronica Beattie, Ulrich Hartmond, Elizabeth McWhorter

Absent: Jeremy Marzuola (excused), Kristie Mather (excused), Alan Parry (excused)

I. Call to Order

Kim Piracci called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

II. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

None.

III. Approval of DRAFT Minutes from April 12th, 2021

Motion by J. Eichel; seconded by V. Beattie; none opposed; motion passed.

III. CFE Activities - 2021

CFE discussed current activities with a brief status update for each item.

IV. Climate Action Tax Fund - Round 2

B. Bouma presented and discussed expectations and the timeline for review and ranking of these FY applicants for the Climate Action Tax Fund grants. The CFE members voted (unanimously) to meet on August 9th to begin and allow for sufficient review of applications received over the summer. B. Ward mentioned that the Board of County Commissioners voted to divert 50% of the climate tax to the school districts: noting that this was a departure from the original purpose of serving the poorest in our county. B. Bouma stated schools would go through the same vetting process as every other grant applicant. It was decided that this be discussed at a later meeting

V. CFE Sub-Committee Breakouts

The CFE split up into breakout rooms for their respective sub-committees; Air and Energy, Water Resources, and Land Resources.

VI. Updates and Information Items

- C. Hirni presented information and updates regarding the Buckhorn Area Study and BOCC review on June 1st.

VII. Adjournment

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Carrie Fletcher motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm; seconded by Kim Livingston; none opposed; motion passed.