

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Sutterlin & Supervisor
Farrell
INITIATED BY



5/1/2023
DATE DRAFTED

Establishing a Rock County Environmental Management System Committee

WHEREAS, Rock County would establish a standing committee to serve as an Environmental Management System, known as EMS, for the purpose of interfacing with all County committees of efficient energy use and the reduction of waste; and

WHEREAS, Rock County would join Green Tier Legacy communities, a volunteer alliance; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, in partnership with the Wisconsin Counties Association, League of Wisconsin Municipalities, 1,000 Friends of Wisconsin, twenty cities, five counties, numerous townships and villages, have created the charter Green Tier Legacy Communities, a voluntary program designed to improve the quality of life and economic vitality of communities; and

WHEREAS, members received benefits such as sharing affirmative measures on efficient energy while reducing heat trapping pollution, simplifying access to grants and funding for projects related to the goals of the charter; and

WHEREAS, through this charter, Rock County would be eligible for grants and loans related to preparing, implementing, and improving wastewater, storm water, drinking water, and wetlands issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 25th day of May, 2023 does hereby create the Rock County Environmental Management System committee which shall be responsible for participating in the Green Tier Legacy communities, and interfacing with all facets of Rock County as an organization on the efficient use of energy and the reduction of waste.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the EMS Committee shall have five members total, ~~two~~ three of whom shall be selected from the County Board of Supervisors, and ~~three~~ two of whom should be selected from members of the community.

FISCAL NOTE:

Per County Board Rule IV-J, County Board supervisors as well as citizens who are members of standing committees are eligible for per meeting allowances and mileage reimbursement.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats., as well as Rule IV-C of the County Board Rules.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy. As with the creation of any new committee, the County Board should consider the allocation and prioritization of staff resources available to support the committee.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Planning & Development Committee

Supervisor Sweeney moved to amend the resolution to change the membership to "~~two~~ three of whom shall be selected from the County Board of Supervisors, and ~~three~~ two of whom should be selected from members of the community," second by Supervisor Stevens. The Planning & Development Committee recommended this amended resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote.