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DIRECTOR

UP ENERGY TASK FORCE MEETING

Monday, April 13, 2020
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Meeting via Microsoft Teams

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Liesl Eichler Clark, Chairperson	Aaron Johnson
Mike Prusi, Vice Chairperson	Mike Nystrom
Tanya Paslawski, Secretary	Tony Retaskie
Kristopher Bowman	Dan Scripps
David Camps	Dr. Roman Sidortsov
Mike Furmanski	Tonya Swenor
Jennifer Hill	
Douglas Jester	

Welcome, Task Force Business

Meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m.

- Matt Tomlinson, meeting facilitator, provided guidance and information on virtual meeting attendance.
- Liesl Clark welcomed everyone and attendance was taken.
- The April 13, 2020, agenda was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Introductory Comments

Liesl shared that the draft recommendations document that is being discussed at this meeting will appear on the screen and is also available on the UP Energy Task Force webpage at Michigan.gov/UPEnergyTaskForce.

A reminder was given to attendees who are interested in making a public comment to use the MS Teams chat function or to send an email to EGLE-UPEnergy@michigan.gov.

The charge of the task force, per Executive Order 2019-14 was stated and Liesl provided a verbal summary of the meetings locations and topics of the Task Force to date.

Liesl shared information on public comments: Public comments submitted through the website: 950+; total written comments by letter: 42; total in-person verbal comments: 57.

Liesl gave a brief update regarding Covid-19 and how it has affected the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, including the transition to teleworking. Details can be found at Michigan.gov/EGLE.

Draft Recommendations – Consideration of Public Comments Received

Task Force members, having received public comments in advance of the meeting for review, discussed each recommendation with consideration to public comments received, made agreed upon changes, and confirmed approval of each revised draft recommendation. Changes were made to the document as it was displayed on the screen during the meeting.

At the end of the discussion and revision session, Liesl said that, with the Task Force's permission, EGLE staff would clean up and finalize the document and that the final recommendations would be shared with Task Force members with intended delivery to the Governor at the end of the week.

Liesl thanked all the members of the Task Force for their work. She shared that the next meeting will be a Microsoft Teams meeting on May 12 and, because it will be a virtual meeting, that we would shorten the duration of the meeting to 2-3 hours. Planned presentations will build a foundation for the Task Force in the more robust energy perspective of the Upper Peninsula, including the topics of differences in the electricity supply and difference in providers.

Public Comments

Liesl reminded attendees to use the chat feature to indicate they wanted to speak, or to send an email to EGLE-UPEnergy@michigan.gov. She indicated that the Task Force would be interested to hear what attendees would suggest for topics for upcoming Task Force meetings.

Public comments were heard.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Approved at June 9, 2020, UP Energy Task Force Meeting