

**MINUTES OF THE
OXFORD CLIMATE ACTION STEERING COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 17, 2020
9:00 a.m.**

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MEMBERS

Present were Mark Boardman, Jason Bracken, David Gorchov, Sandra Woy-Hazelton, David Prytherch, and Joan Potter-Sommer. Adam Sizemore represented Miami University. Jessica Greene represented the Office of City Manager of the City of Oxford. Guest Suzi Zazycki. Andor Kiss excused.

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 am.

Sandi moved approval of the agenda, Joan seconded, all voted in favor.

Mark self-nominated to be Chair of the committee, Jason seconded, all voted in favor.

Mark nominated Sandi vice chair, Joan seconded, all voted in favor

Joan nominated David as secretary, Sandi seconded, all voted in favor.

Mark moved approval of the August 10 minutes, Sandi seconded, all voted in favor.

The committee discussed the challenge of correctly inventorying emissions from the city landfill, to better understand our overall local government operations. City Environmental Specialist David Treleaven described ongoing efforts to measure methane emissions from the landfill, and future consultations with the firm which aided in the closure of the landfill. So far, his measurements have revealed a number of vents that contribute the majority of the emissions, and measurements suggest emissions are a percentage (10%) of those suggested by earlier model-based estimates. Model accuracy may vary based on what was originally contributed to the landfill, landfill design, etc. There was discussion about the benefits of direct measurement of methane vs. modeling, and consensus that directly measured data would be preferable to model results.

The committee agreed direct measurement of methane emissions is preferable to modeling, especially since monitoring will be done as part of landfill closure requirements.

The committee then discussed boundary drawing for the purposes of GHG inventory, policy making, and community climate action.

The committee first discussed GHG inventory. Jessica advocated 45056 ZIP code be the scale of gathering data for simplicity. David P. advocated alignment between the scale of GHG inventory and jurisdictional boundaries for policy making. Jason suggested we use ZIP code data only as

necessary methodologically to arrive at city-scale data. There was consensus that ultimately the inventory be scaled to the City of Oxford, but we may need to use and adjust data sources at other scales.

There was a motion that the City use data specific to the City of Oxford from diverse sources, whether City-specific where available or by adjusting 45056 zip code or county-level data for local population. Mark moved, Sandi seconded, all voted in favor.

The committee then discussed the boundaries for climate action, how to divide up policy-making labors by jurisdiction but maintain coordination among diverse jurisdictions and community partners. Sandi moved, Joan seconded, all voted to approve a motion that jurisdictions take responsibility for climate action at their jurisdictional scale, but these efforts be coordinated among partners.

In terms of coordination with Miami's and other climate action planning efforts, the committee will wait to see how Miami's Climate Action Task Force, but seek to have liaisons to different working groups.

Mark moved to adjourn, seconded by Sandi , and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.