

City of Oregon
Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

The Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee met Monday, December 9th, 2024, at 9 am.

Present: Tim Benedict, Darin DeHaan, Cheryl Hilton, Joyce Lewis, Tom Pacey, Steve Rypkema, and Vic Zaderej.

Present via Zoom: Melanie Cozzi

Meeting called to order at 9:02.

No public comment.

Melanie Cozzi moved to approve the November 18th, 2024 minutes, Seconded by Vic Zaderej.

Motion carried. No Nays.

The committee discussed Eco Oregon and how to implement and rank each category within the pledge. The committee plans to use the City of Galena's Green Pledge for businesses as a foundation for the City of Oregon's pledge. Over the next month, the committee members will create a template for program goals and how to rank each category. Melanie Cozzi will reach out to local business owners for feedback. They also discussed helping businesses reach program goals and incentives to become and continue to be sustainable. They plan to collaborate with the Chamber of Commerce and the Ogle County Health Department for educational opportunities. Potential educational topics included growing food, food security, solar, and ComEd and Nicor incentives.

Recycling containers for the downtown business owners and the fees for those were also discussed. The committee would like to tour a recycling facility in the spring. Educating the community about recycling continues to be a high priority.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Submitted by City Clerk Cheryl Hilton