

Brainerd Lakers United for the Environment (BLUE)

Minutes

Thursday May 14th 2020, 6:30 pm Monthly Meeting

Attendees: Judi, Richard, Doug, & Dean

Old Business:

- Update on Pat's initiative on Electric Vehicles.
Pat had the wrong time recorded and missed this month's meeting.
- Continued discussion of steps forward in affiliating with MN350. Please take a few minutes to go on MN350's website <https://mn350.org> and review the content.
Larry wasn't present, BLUE did sign the letter to Minnesota State Senators this past month.
- Continued discussion of BLUE's candidates' environmental scorecard for the 2020 election cycle.
Karen missed due to a back issue.
- Continued discussion on resuming BLUE's campaign of writing letters to the editor in local publications.
Dean submitted a letter to the Brainerd Dispatch and the Northland Press, the Press did print it last week.
- Report on the "Our Mississippi, Our Future" on-line information sharing and letter writing session at 6:30 pm on Wednesday April 22th the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.
The meeting was a success with a turnout of over a dozen, follow-up calls resulted in over 400 emails being sent to key state legislators in support of funding "Forests for the Future" (\$7M), "Working Grasslands" (\$3M), and "Reforestation of State Lands" (\$7M) in the 2020 Omnibus Bonding Bill. Thanks to all of those who participated.
- Report on the BLUE PO Box (PO Box #).
Isaiah wasn't present, Doug planned on connecting with him.

New Business:

- The attendees discussed whether to meet on-line or in person next month, Dean will poll the membership before the scheduled meeting (June 11th).
- The group discussed participating with BACP in the Brainerd 4th of July parade, with the likelihood of the event being cancelled this will be tabled until the June meeting, Dean will poll the group to determine support for participating.
- Treasure's report
Isaiah wasn't present.