### Welcome to 350 Wisconsin's Monthly Meeting

- We suggest you "start video" so we can see your face (if you have a camera on your device).
- We suggest you use the "gallery view" so you can see all our faces (when the slides are over).

Chat

- Please send questions or comments, or technology questions, to <u>Chat Box</u>.
- Note: This meeting is being recorded for posting on the 350 Madison web site (using Speaker view so you will not be visible if you are muted).



## **Opening Photos.**

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Let's take a moment to take 2 deep breaths together and reflect on our ties to this land we live on.

## **Preview of Evening**

- 7:00 Opening
- 7:05 Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
- 7:10 Conservatives and Clean Energy: Opportunities for Bi-partisan Progress Alex Peterson, State Policy Team member introduces Scott Coenen, Executive Director, Wisconsin Conservative Energy Forum
- 7:30 Speaker Q+A
- 7:40 Updates and Announcements
- 8:00 Poll
- 8:05 Time to welcome newcomers & have optional breakouts



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## Who We Are

#### Executive Director Scott Coenen

### Leadership Council



- Tommy Thompson Former WI Governor
- Debbie Crave VP Crave Brothers Cheese
- Jon Hochkammer WI Counties Association
- Mark Honadel Former GOP Rep.
- Matt Neumann Neumann Companies Inc.
- Benji Backer American Conservation Coalition
- Jeff Stone Former GOP Rep/PSC

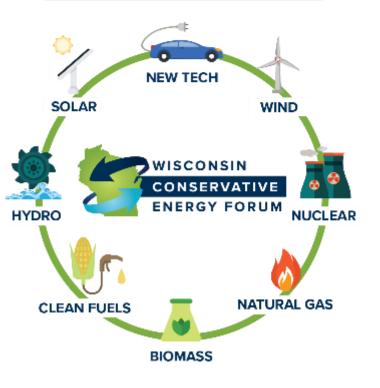




# **Our Approach**

- Launched in December 2017
- WICEF Mission:
  - Messenger; be the conservative voice for energy policy discussions.
  - ✓ Seat at the table.
  - Expand conservative definitions of "responsible resource development" – All of the Above
  - Focus on technology, innovation, cost competitive expansion of clean & renewable energy
  - ✓ Sustainability is a "bottom line" value
  - Principles: market driven, cost effective, reliable, home-grown, diverse sources.
  - ✓ Apply conservative principles to energy markets that are <u>changing</u>.







## A Conservative Case for Alternative Energy

Subsidies? Mandates? Climate?

Falling price Versatility Rural economic development Business/consumer choice Grid diversity National security CLEAN, RELIABLE, AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY AT A SCALE THAT MATTERS

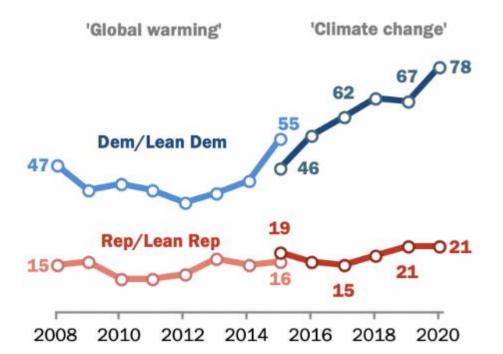
Markets are changing. Our reasons for supporting clean energy can change too.



# Climate is not a unifier

#### Republicans and Democrats are deeply divided on whether climate change should be a top priority

% of U.S. adults who say dealing with global climate change should be a top priority for the president and Congress





# **Establishing Connections**

- Connecting legislators/local leaders to developments in energy.
- Educating Republicans/local decision makers.
- Finding policy that can appeal across aisles.

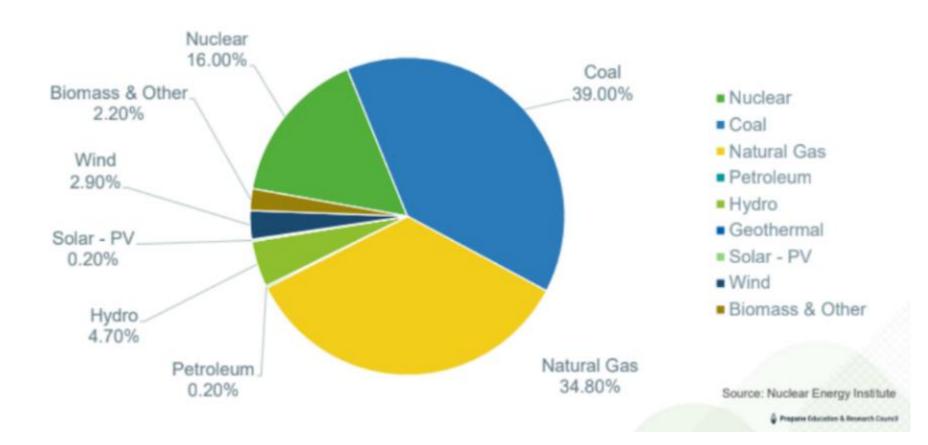






# Wisconsin's Energy Mix 2020

### WI State Electricity Generation Fuel Shares

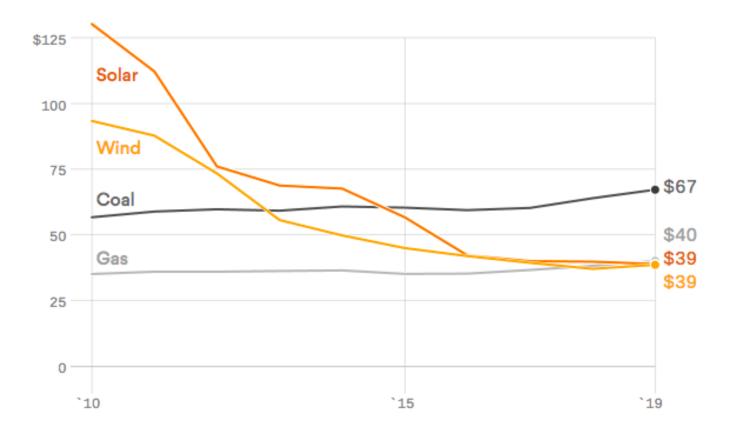




### Changing Landscape: Renewable Energy is Cost Competitive

#### Levelized cost of electricity in the United States

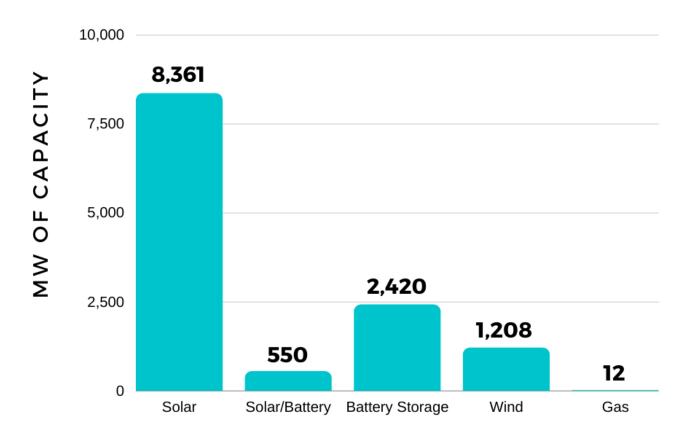
U.S. dollars per megawatt hour



Data: WoodMac; Chart: Axios Visuals



### FUTURE PROJECTS IN WISCONSIN (MISO QUEUE)





## Renewable Projects: Statewide & Broad





## Next Wave. Better Storage Tech





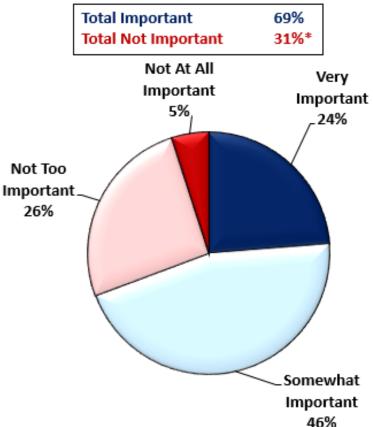




## Clean Energy is Broadly Popular

A decided majority of voters continue to say it is important that a candidate for political office shares their opinion on clean energy.

"And, how important is it to you that a candidate for political office share vour opinion on clean energy issues? Is it..."



#### December 2020



## Conservative Policy is Popular Here

# Seven-in-ten voters say allowing a free-market solution is the best way to increase clean energy production.

"To increase clean energy production, would you prefer..."



17%

Approaches like competition that allow markets and businesses to provide more clean energy production

Government mandates, subsidies, and quotas

...or...



A price or tax put on carbon emissions



## **Right now.**

- Renewables are **disruptive technologies**.
  - There are legitimate questions that need answering here.
- The way forward in a politically divided state involves compromise.
  Half measures, not fast enough.
- Important to meet people where they are on this issue, speak to different values.
- Be realistic. Recognize challenges and push for solutions.
- Policy and leadership lags behind technology and institutions threaten to hold back growth and investment around the state.



- Senate Bill 490/Assembly Bill 527 (Sen. Stroebel/Rep. Ramthun) Community Solar
- Senate Bill 702/Assembly Bill 731 (Sen. Cowles/Rep. Cabral-Guevara) Third Party Financing of Solar
- Senate Bill 672/Assembly Bill 710 (Sen. Darling/Rep. Duchow) Battery Storage Sales Tax Exemption
- Senate Bill 522/Assembly Bill 525 (Sen. Cowles/Rep. Oldenburg) Utility Scale Solar Designations – Voluntary Pollinator Friendly/Ag Friendly
- Senate Bill 462/Assembly Bill 439 (Sen. Kooyenga/Rep. Neylon) Electric Vehicle Direct Sales
- Senate Bill 573/Assembly Bill 588 (Sen. Cowles/Rep. VanderMeer) Allowing EV Charging Owners to Charge by kWh

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# Updates and Actions

## **Communication Action Team (CAT)**

- Follow our NEW LinkedIn page! (<u>https://www.linkedin.com/company/350-wisconsin</u> - link in the chat as well)
- NEW social media handles @350.wisconsin on Facebook and Instagram, @350wisconsin on Twitter
  - If you already followed us when we were 350 Madison you don't need to do anything! :)

Volunteer Needs:

- Expertise with Google Analytics and search engine optimization (SEO)
- Social media support

## **Community Climate Solutions Team**

- New Blog Post- How Can Madison Do Better In Its New Sustainability Plan?
- New Community Working Group- LaCrosse County!
- Bus Rapid Transit in Madison- update and celebration!
- Next Meeting: Thursday May 19 @ 5 pm via Zoom
- Upcoming Middleton CWG Event "Solving the Climate Crisis"
  - May 12 @ Middleton Public Library.
  - Tabling @ 6, Presentation @ 6:30 pm

### "Pizza for the Planet" - May 4th Benefit Night

Join us at Garver Feed Mill!

Hoping for 100+ orders -- share with friends and family!

Where: Ian's Pizza Garver, 3241 Garver Green, Madison 53704

When: Wednesday, May 4th, 5pm to 9pm

Why: Support grassroots climate action and enjoy great pizza!

3 options:

- Order in-person at Ian's Pizza Garver
- Pre-order for pickup
- Order delivery to Madison's Eastside and Monona

**RSVP** to our Facebook Event

Hope to see you there!



# 350 Wisconsin Annual Meeting

Monday June 6 at 7PM (Same time as the regular Monthly Meeting)

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### Learn about and discuss plans for 350 Wisconsin:

- Our vision, mission and principles for change
- Centering Climate Justice in everything we do
- Growing and developing as a statewide organization
- Ensuring the effectiveness of our campaigns
  - Tar Sands pipeline resistance
  - Divest and Defund
  - Community Climate Solutions
    - Local policy
    - State policy
- Identifying new areas for involvement

### Learn about changes in how we operate

- Addition of staff to support our grassroots volunteer efforts.
  - Meet our staff
- Fundraising/development needs
- Forming a separate 501(c)(4) organization–350 Wisconsin Action– to enable political/electoral involvement.

### Vote!

- Board of Directors
- Coordinating Council

Meet the candidates

Members will vote via Zoom

(Link to eligible voter list-put this in chat <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xD2xzqQum5Feopl-ftBmvzDL1dBAY7ns/edit</u>

To be eligible to vote, you must have donated at least \$5 between June 1, 2021 and April 22, 2022. Or you must have attended at least 3 Monthly Meetings. Contact <u>coordinator@350madison.org</u> if you would like to added to the voting list based on Monthly Meeting attendance.

### Get involved!

Learn about the many ways you can get involved.

Participate in breakouts with others who share your dedication and concerns.

Hope to see you then!

### **Divest & Defund (and the Art Collective)**

Upcoming actions in front of Chase Bank at the Dane County Farmers' Market

- Saturday May 21, 11 am.
- Saturday June 18, 11 am.

Stay tuned for details!

We hope to build on the wonderful energy of the April 23-24 actions

Contact <u>julia.isaacs@350madison.org</u> or <u>divest.defund@350madison.org</u> if interested in getting involved.

### TAR SANDS TEAM: Thank you so much to all phonebankers, tablers, and those who mobilized their friends to comment on Line 5!

Phone Bank: 14 two-hour shifts		Tabling for postcard comments	
Volunteer phone bankers 30		at Willy St. Co-ops	768
Calls attempted:	2692	at Madison March Fourth	
•		to Earth Day Fridays	89
Conversations:	297	reported from other locations	76
<b>Commenters recruited</b>	241	Known total	933
Left voicemail:	1441	ACTION PAGE COMMENTS	
Heard our message -		350 Madison action page	1139
(commenters + VMs)	1635	WI Sierra Club action page	<u>2051</u> 3190

Postcards + Action Pages =

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### SAVE THE DATE! June 25 & 26: a day of celebration, learning, eating, music, and more, on the shores of Lake Superior. Details at breakout and in newsletter.

Saturday June 25th, 2022 Bayview City Park - Ashland, Wisconsin



Meet the people of Northern Wisconsin who are working to protect the water.

Learn more about Indigenous culture.

Enjoy music, speeches, storytelling, a potluck, and a gifting ceremony.

On Sunday, give back to the Ashland area community in a highway clean up, then lunch at Copper Falls State Park.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Tar Sands: 1st Mondays 7, 5:45–6:45 pm Contact Phyllis.Hasbrouck@350madison.org

Climate Justice: 2nd Mondays 7:00–8:30 pm Contact: Marian.Fredal@350madison.org

Communication Action (CAT): 3rd Mondays 6:30-8:00 pm Contact Emily.Park@350madison.org

Divest & Defund: 4th Mondays 7-8:30 pm Contact divest.defund@350madison.org

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Community Climate Solutions: 3rd Thursdays 5-6 pm Contact: <u>Susan.Millar@350madison.org</u>

Art Collective: Contact: Russ Bennett <u>bennett.russ@gmail.com</u> Dianne Brakarsh <u>movingfromwithin@gmail.com</u>

Fundraising: 3rd Wednesdays 7-8pm Contact <u>stephanie.robinson@350madison.org</u>

Monthly Meeting: Contact: Julia.isaacs@350madison.org

State Policy: Contact gail.nordheim@350madison.org

# Save the Date - Upcoming Meetings

Date/Time: Monday, June 6 @ 7:00 m

**Our Annual Meeting** 

Date/Time: Monday July 11@ 6 pm

Summer Picnic, Brittingham Park (Madison)

### **Breakout Rooms**

Room 1: Q&A with Scott Coenen Room 2: Stopping Line 5 and Building the movement, with Phyllis Hasbrouck If you are unable to find the button or choose a room, put a message in the chat indicating which room you would like to join.

