

Renewable Energy Committee

Thurs., March 18, 2010 – 3:30 p.m.

Polk County Government Center, County Board Room
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

- Call to order [This meeting will be convened immediately following the Energy Independence Team meeting but not before 3:30.]
- Approve agenda
- Approve minutes of February 18, 2010 meeting
- Public comments
- Items for discussion and possible action:
 - Energy Independent Communities grant
 - Policy 912 amendments update
 - Committee support for “Energy 2010”
 - Renewable energy blog
 - Strategic goals status reports and updates
 - Resolution to reauthorize the REC
- General discussion of renewable energy issues
- Member reports and comments
- Set next meeting
- Adjourn

(Agenda items may not be presented in this order.)

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- Minutes -

Attendance: Marlin Baillargeon, Thomas Engel, Jay Luke, Kathryn Kienholz, Kathleen Melin, Kim O'Connell, Jeff Peterson, Gregg Westigard

Absent: Mike Voltz

Others present: Tim Anderson, County Planner
Jeff Fuge, Corporation Counsel
Ryan Sterry, UW Extension

Called to Order at 3:50 PM by Chairman Jeff Peterson

Motion: (Luke/O'Connell) to approve agenda. Carried

Motion: (Kienholz/Luke) to approve minutes of February 18th amended to add that a list of potential grant writers was submitted by Kathleen Melin. Carried

Discussion: Policy 912 Amendments – Westigard reported that the policy changes to the county's purchasing policy were approved at the 3/16/10 finance committee meeting. To be forwarded to county board for approval.

Discussion: Peterson reported the committee is making very good progress planning, organizing the Energy 2010 Fair.

Discussion: Renewable Energy Blog – Peterson advised that Todd Demers said the blog could not be put on the county's website. The committee requested a better explanation for this decision. Possibility of adding it to the UWEX website was mentioned.

Motion: (Westigard/Baillargeon) To pass a version of the REC reauthorization resolution and to authorize Chairman Peterson the discretion to forward to the county board as he deems appropriate. Carried.

Members Reports: Baillargeon reported on the positive progress for the Energy 2010 Fair. Melin announced 6/29 "Farm Economy" Seminar at the LaMar Center.

Next Meeting: Set for April 15th @ 3PM at the Polk County Government Center in Balsam Lake. This will be a joint meeting with the Energy Independence Team.

Motion: (Kienholz/Luke) to adjourn at 4:35PM Carried

Prepared by: **Thomas G. Engel**