

Renewable Energy Committee

Thursday, February 16 – 3:00 P.M.

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

- Call to order
- Approve agenda
- Approve 1/12 minutes
- Public comments
- Marlin Baillargeon and Tom Engel report on Waste Oil furnace project at recycling center
- Tim Anderson and Bob Kazmeirski report on grant opportunity
- Discuss strategic planning for the committee focus for next 6-12 months
- Member comments
- Set next meeting
- Adjourn

(Agenda items may not be presented in this order)

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Minutes of February 16, 2012 Meeting

Chairman Timm Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present were county board supervisor Kathryn Kienholz and citizen members Marlin Baillargeon, Joe Cronick, Gary Dado, Gregg Westigard. Supervisors Jay Luke and Kim O'Connell were absent.

Also present was Tim Anderson, Polk County planner, Deb Peterson, Polk County Parks and Property director and Bob Kazmerski, UW Extension Community Resources agent

Motion by Kienholz/Baillargeon to approve the agenda; carried by voice vote.

Motion by Dado/Kienholz to approve the minutes of the January 12th meeting; carried by voice vote.

Public comments.

Tim Anderson advised the committee that Polk County did not qualify for the Wisconsin State Energy Office Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) because the county, even though it is an Energy Independent (EI) Pilot Community, it had not received both an EECBG Municipal Building Retrofits and Lighting Award and an EI Pilot Community 25x25 Plan award. Thus the Recycling Center Waste Oil Furnace Project and the Justice Center LED Lighting Project could not be submitted.

Deb Peterson reported that she had, just prior to the committee meeting, met with the representatives of the LT Solutions Corp. and received their LED lighting proposal for the Justice Center – it will be reviewed at next month's meeting.

Waste oil furnace at the recycling center.

Marlin Baillargeon and Tom Engel reported their presentation of the Waste Oil Furnace Project at the Recycling Center to the Parks and Property Committee meeting on February 6th went very well. The committee fully supported the project and authorized Deb Peterson to proceed with bids.

Deb Peterson reported that her department is preparing a bid package, as well as answers to the questions that the Parks and Property Committee members asked and expects to resubmit to the committee at its March meeting.

Energy Usage at the Justice Center.

Deb Peterson reported, as above, that she had just received the LED relamping project proposal from LT Solution's representatives. The LT proposal will be an agenda item for the REC March meeting.

Deb Peterson also distributed the 2011 Focus On Energy Wisconsin Counties Energy

Benchmarking Report for Polk County (based upon 2010 data). The report shows that the Polk County Government Center total energy cost is 7% less than 18 other comparable Wisconsin traditional courthouses and 25% more energy efficient than the national average of similar buildings in the United States. The report shows that the Polk County Justice Center with its 24 hour 911 Call Center, and Law Enforcement (Jail) and courtrooms is 6% less than other comparable Wisconsin 24 hour extended hours facilities and 5% more energy efficient than the national average of similar buildings in the United States.

Preliminary analysis of the data indicates that the natural gas usage is out of line – probably due to fact that the large boilers need to operate year around to supply domestic hot water for the jail facilities. Deb Peterson has requested the committee gather information for possible solar hot water panels since Chairman Johnson has intimate knowledge of the Osceola School installation and system.

Committee Goals:

Bob Kazmerski reviewed the present REC goals and mission statement. It was decided that some revision may be needed and this will be on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Members Comments.

Tom Engel reported on the CNG and dual fuel seminar that they attended in Menomonie on February 14th. USA Oil is installing a CNG high volume fueling station at the CENEX station on the freeway. A CNG fueling station can be added to a regular station that pumps 300-400,000 gallons per year.

A second and longer seminar is scheduled for March 20th in Chippewa Falls - committee members and interested county staff are encouraged to attend.

Timm Johnson reported little progress on the CNG project in Osceola.

Next meeting of the renewable energy committee will be Thursday, March 15, 2012, at 3 p.m.

Motion by Baillargeon/Dado to adjourn; carried by voice vote.

Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Engel,
Secretary