

Renewable Energy Committee

Thursday, March 15 – 3:00 P.M.

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

- Call to order
- Approve agenda
- Approve 2/16 minutes
- Public comments
- Report on Waste Oil furnace project at Recycling Center
- Natural Gas-powered vehicles
- Consider having a booth at Earth Day Event at Recycling Center
- Strategic Planning Update
- Member comments
- Set next meeting
- Adjourn

(Agenda items may not be presented in this order)

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Minutes of March 15, 2012 Meeting

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

Present were county board supervisors Kathryn Kienholz, Jay Luke and citizen members Marlin Baillargeon, Joe Cronick, Gary Dado. Supervisor Kim O'Connell and citizen member Gregg Westigard 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/Dado to approve the agenda; carried by voice vote.

Motion by Dado/Cronick to approve the minutes of the February 16th meeting; carried by voice vote.

Public comments.

Deb Peterson reported that she had received a proposal from the representatives of the LT Solutions Corp. and that the proposal left many questions that she working to resolve so an informed discussion and decision can be made.

Waste oil furnace at the recycling center.

Deb Peterson reported that her department has found some discrepancies between the engineering drawings and the oil furnaces as quoted by Scott Robinson of Chippewa Valley Alternative Energy. She is trying to get in touch with Scott to clarify the differences so that a set of bid specifications can be prepared.

Energy Usage at the Justice Center.

Deb Peterson reported that the necessary new demand metering has been received but cannot be installed until underground wires can be installed between the meter at the transformer and the computer that will be used to monitor the electricity usage and demand. Will be completed as soon as the ground is thawed.

Natural Gas-powered Vehicles.

Timm Johnson, Tom Engel and Mark Luebker, Osceola School Administrator will attend the 3/20/2012 Fueling Wisconsin Fleets with Compressed Natural Gas training session in Menomonie. Osceola has very strong interest in using natural gas for its school buses.

2012 Earth Day.

Scheduled for April 20th at the Recycling Center. Over 500 school children will attend. Tim Anderson agreed to prepare a large poster and county map showing renewable energy and conservation installations in the county. Committee members are encouraged to drop by and assist at the REC table from 9AM to 3 PM.

Committee Goals:

Bob Kazmerski reviewed the present REC goals and mission statement. He assisted the REC in developing and prioritizing a list of ideas and issues. He will be at the next meeting to assist in preparing a plan of execution for the committee.

Members Comments.

Tom Engel reported on a LED parking lot project in Kingman, Arizona that he read about. He presented a possible spreadsheet for a similar project for the Polk County government center and justice center parking lot lights. Debbie will review and consider since the parking lots use quite a bit of energy.

Next meeting of the renewable energy committee will be Thursday, April 19th at 3 p.m.

Motion by Klienholz/Luke to adjourn; carried by voice vote.

Adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Engel,
Secretary