

Renewable Energy Committee

Thursday, July 19 – 3:00 P.M.

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

- Call to order
- Approve agenda
- Approve 6/21 minutes
- Public comments
- Holly O'Higgins- OEI Grant Extension
- Short term project updates
 1. Annual report- Gregg
 2. Meter energy usage at Adult Development Center- Jay
 3. Alternative fuel vehicles- Timm
 4. Alternative hot water for Justice Center- Jay
- Project updates- if any on- LD lighting, waste oil furnace, etc.-
Debbie
- Member comments
- Set next meeting date
- Adjourn

(Agenda items may not be presented in this order)

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Minutes of Jul 19, 2012 Meeting

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

Present were county board supervisors Tom Engel, Jay Luke and citizen members Marlin Baillargeon, Joe Cronick, Gary Dado, and Gregg Westigard. Kathryn Kienholz, board supervisor was absent.

Also present was Tim Anderson, Polk County Planner, Deb Peterson, Property Director, Mike Voltz, Recycling Center Manager.

Wisconsin State Office of Energy staff members: Megan Levy and Holly O'Higgins
Prospective citizen member Dave Mueller was also present to observe.

Todd Schulte, Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative

Motion by Luke/Westigard to approve the agenda; carried by voice vote.

Motion by Dado/Cronick to approve the minutes of the June 21st meeting; carried by voice vote.

Public comments:

Holly O'Higgins spoke to the group and encouraged the county to maintain the energy usage database so that the information can be utilized for effective county budgeting. Megan Levy spoke to need for energy conservation and support for our Renewable Energy Committee conservation efforts.

Todd Schulte spoke about Polk Burnett energy usage changes and their evaluation on the Focus On Energy program.

Annual Report:

Gregg Westigard and Tim Anderson expect to have the committee's annual report to the county board ready for email review by 7/27/12.

Justice Center and ADC Energy Usage:

Jay Luke reported that he has had discussions with the sheriff staff in regards to monitoring and/or adjusting showering in the jail.

Alternate Fuel Vehicles:

Timm Johnson revealed that Kwik-Trip is now committed to building or outfitting 20 CNG fueling stations and he continues to promote Osceola and Polk county. He recently mailed a fleet usage survey to many county fleet and business owners.

LED Lighting proposals:

Tom Engel reported that he had made contact with the sales representative for the LED Parking Lot lights at the Justice Center and they will continue to develop a proposal for the next committee meeting.

Tom also reported that the sample LED installation at the highway department did not go very well since LT Solutions only had tube type LEDs that could be used in the office area and not for use in the garage and workshop areas. All new LEDs for the garage and workshop will be reviewed in the future, since a different fixture style is required for the 18 foot ceilings in those areas.

Waste oil furnace at the recycling center:

Deb Peterson reported on the July 10th meeting with Scott Robinson from Chippewa Valley Alternative Energy to review oil furnace sizing. An alternative idea is to add a 200,000 btu furnace to supplement the existing LPG makeup air unit and utilize waste oil collected at the center.

However, Mike Voltz came to committee to report on the critical need for a new skid steer loader to replace the present well-used unit with over 5000 operating hours. This is a needed item for the property committee to review.

Membership:

Gregg Westigard wishes to resign, so we should be looking for his citizen replacement. Dave Mueller will be appointed to the committee at the next county board meeting.

Members Comments:

Tom Engel requested that the energy usage databases be keep up.

Next meeting of the Renewable Energy Committee will be Thursday, August 16th at 3 p.m.

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

Adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Engel,
Secretary