

Joint Renewable Energy Committee/Energy Independence Team

Thursday, September 15, 2011 – 3:00 P.M.

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

- Call to order
- Approve agenda
- Approve 8/21 minutes
- Public comments
- Accept Linda Leef's resignation
- Marlin Baillargeon report on waste oil furnace at recycling center
- Timm Johnson & Marlin Baillargeon report on natural gas fueled vehicles
- Tom Engel report on electrical energy usage at the Justice Center
- Gregg Westigard report on purchasing policy review with Dana Frey
- Discussion/Action on purchasing policy letter
- General discussion of renewable energy issues
- Consider 2 new committee members
- Members comments and reports
- Set next meeting
- Adjourn

(Agenda items may not be presented in this order)

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- Minutes -

Attendance: Thomas Engel, Timm Johnson, Jay Luke, Gregg Westigard

Absent: Marlin Baillargeon, Kathryn Kienholz, Kim O'Connell

Others: Joe Cronick, Tim Anderson

Call to Order: 3:05 PM by Chairman Tom Engel.

Motion: (Luke/Westigard) to approve agenda. Carried.

Motion: (Westigard/Luke) to approve August 21, 2011 minutes. Carried.

Introduction: Prospective committee member Joe Cronick introduced himself and talked about his interest in work of the committee and his own solar and wind installations.

Information: At this point Timm Johnson volunteered to become meeting chairman and Tom Engel became recording secretary.

Motion: (Luke/Westigard) to accept Linda Leef's resignation from the committee.
Carried

Motion: (Luke/Westigard) to postpone appointment of new committee members to the next meeting because the committee is now short 2 members from the public.
Carried

Report: Tom Engel reported for Marlin Baillargeon some of the ideas and concerns that are being evaluated on for the waste oil furnace project at the recycling center.

Report: Timm Johnson reported on the discussions he had with officials of La Crosse Honda dealer and the Kwik Trip convenience store personnel. He also announced 2 Osceola community meetings on the subject of natural gas-fueled vehicles. Jay Luke also reported on the positive alternative-fueled vehicle meeting with the heads of highway department, sheriff department and parks departments.

Report: Tom Engel reported that only just prior to the meeting he had received Justice Center electric usage information from NVEC and had not done any analysis in regards to cost of "Demand Charges".

Report: Gregg Westigard reported on the positive response to the committee's proposed "lowest life time energy cost" change to the county's purchasing policy.

Motion: (Luke/Westigard) to prepare a purchasing policy change resolution for the county board approval. Carried

Consensus: to set the next meeting at 3:00 PM on October 20, 2011. Carried

Consensus: to Adjourn at 4:45PM

Prepared by: *Tom Engel, Acting Secretary*