

Joint Renewable Energy Committee/Energy Independence Team

Thursday, October 20, 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 9/15 minutes
- Public comments
- Introduce new potential committee members
- Elect new committee secretary
- Marlin Baillargeon presents Chippewa Valley Alternative Energy's waste oil furnace proposal at recycling center
- Timm Johnson update status of natural gas fueled vehicles project at Osceola
- Tom Engel report on electricity demand charges at the Justice Center
- Gregg Westigard present resolution to revise county's purchasing policy
- Tim Anderson to discuss the Wisconsin State Energy Office Clean Energy grant applications
- 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: Marlin Baillargeon, Gary Dado, Thomas Engel, Timm Johnson, Kathryn Kienholz, Jay Luke, Gregg Westigard

Absent: Kim O'Connell

Others: Joe Cronick, Tim Anderson, Jim Drabek

Call to Order: 3:03 PM by Chairman Tom Engel.

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

Motion: (Westigard/Luke) to approve September 15, 2011 minutes. Carried.

Public Comments: Jim Drabek spoke, supporting and encouraging the committee's work.

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.

Previous committee member Gary Dado reintroduce himself to new members.

Motion: (Westigard/Luke) to nominate Timm Johnson, Committee Chairman, Jay Luke, Vice Chairman and Tom Engel, Secretary. Carried

Information: Tim Anderson reported and discussed the Wisconsin Office of Energy CNG Challenge Grant that he recently emailed to the committee. Due to the timeline constraints and spending requirements of the grant, he stated that the Osceola CNG project was not a suitable grant application at this time.

Information: Marlin Baillargeon presented the initial quotation for the recycling center "Waste Oil Furnace Project". The proposal is to install one or two waste oil makeup air furnaces, purchase a number oil storage totes and to create an EPA required oil containment bermed storage area. The potential savings is on the order of over \$600per week during the heating season.
Marlin and Tom were directed to meet with Mike Voltz and Debbie Peterson to discuss the project in detail and to make a firm proposal at the next committee meeting.

Report: Timm Johnson reported on the telephone meetings he had with officials of La Crosse Honda dealer and the Kwik Trip convenience store personnel and the Countryside Cooperative. All are interested in putting in a fueling station once potential customers and estimated usage is identified and quantified. He also announced a Osceola community meeting on October 27, 2011 on the subject of natural gas-fueled vehicles.

Jay Luke also reported on the positive interest in alternative-fueled vehicle in at the highway, sheriff, and parks departments.

Report: Tom Engel presented the 2010 Justice Center Electricity Analysis that he prepare and then discussed in detail the amount of the 12 month trailing demand charges - \$2082 per month average. He outlined a strategy to get a full understanding of the demand charges via a new meter and a computer program at the Justice Center. Tom Engel and Kathryn Kienholtz will meet with Debbie Peterson to discuss this cost saving project.

Report: Gregg Westigard reported on the background of the committee's proposed "Lowest Lifetime Energy Cost" change to the county's purchasing policy and then presented a proposed change to the Purchasing Policy Section 912.

Motion: (Luke/Kienholz) to approve a Section 912 purchasing policy change resolution for county board approval. Carried

Motion: (Westigard/Baillargeon) to approve Joe Cronick as a new committee member. Carried

Consensus: to set the next meeting at 3:00 PM on November 17, 2011. Carried

Consensus: to Adjourn at 4:45PM

Prepared by: *Tom Engel, Secretary*