

Joint Renewable Energy Committee and Energy Independence Team Meeting

Thurs., May 20th, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.

Polk County Government Center, County Board Room

100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

AGENDA

- Call to order
- Approve agenda
- Approve minutes of the April 15th, 2010 meetings
- Public Comments
- Items for discussion and possible action:
 - Committee Membership
 - Renewable Energy Blog
 - Energy 2010 update
 - Focus on Energy Assessment
 - Consideration of funding Ken Meter event at Lamar
 - Outreach and Education Ideas
- Member comments and announcements
- Set next meeting
 - Date, Time, and Agenda
- Adjourn

(Agenda items may not be presented in this order.)

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- Minutes -

Attendance: Tim Anderson, Marlin Baillargeon, Thomas Engel, Kathryn Kienholz, Jay Luke, Kathleen Melin, Kim O'Connell, Deb Peterson, Jeff Peterson, Gregg Westigard,

Absent: Bob Kazmierski, Ryan Sterry

Others Present: William Johnson, County Board Chairman

Called to Order: Joint Meeting at 3:00 PM by Jeff Peterson for the REC and Tim Anderson for the EIT.

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

Motions: (Westigard/Baillargeon) to approve EIT/REC 4/15/10 minutes. Carried.

Public Comments: Chairman Johnson introduced himself and commented on the work of the Renewable Energy Committee. He requested a REC presentation by Jeff Peterson at the upcoming West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) Meeting on July 8th. Proposed new member Linda Leef was introduced.

Discussion: Committee Membership: Mike Voltz submitted his resignation due to recycling center job conflicts.
Linda Leef introduced as proposed new member.

Motion: (JPeterson/Kienholz) to approve Leef membership and forward her name for county board approval. Carried

Discussion: Renewable Energy Blog: Up and running via a link on the UWEX website/portal.

Discussion: Energy Fair 2010: Jeff Peterson and Marlin Baillargeon reported on that substantial progress has been made for the Energy 2010 Fair. Some funds have come in and two keynote speakers are lined up for the program.

Discussion: Focus On Energy Assessment: Assessor from Eau Claire due shortly to to make initial site assessments at county facilities.. Tim Anderson will advise member of exact date and time.

Motion: (Kienholz/Baillargeon) to approve \$500 funding for the "Supporting the Farm Economy in Northwest Wisconsin" seminar at the Lamar Community Center on June 29th. Carried

Members Comments: Gregg Westigard requested Jeff Peterson to the committee's annual report. Pointed out that there are 6 Renewable energy mandates in the county's comprehensive plan. Asked that the revised purchasing policy again be on the next meeting agenda. Marlin Baillargeon commented on a successful local 60 acre/15 employee farm.
Tom Engel reported on status of Greenweh Energy.
Katleen Melin reported she had very favorable responses from several grant writers.

Next Meeting: Set for June 17th @ 3 p.m. at the Polk County Government Center in Balsam Lake as a Joint Energy Independence Team & Renewable Energy Committee meeting

Motion: (Westigard/Luke) to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. Carried.

Prepared by: **Thomas G. Engel**