

Joint Renewable Energy Committee and Energy Independence Team Meeting

Thurs., June 17th, 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 May 20th, 2010 meeting
- Public Comments
- Items for discussion and possible action:
 - Focus on Energy Assessment
 - Updated budget and current expenditures
 - Approval of The Natural Step Course Fee (amended item)
 - Outreach and Education Ideas
 - Energy 2010
 - Renewables Bus Tour
 - Final Report
 - Energy 2010 update
 - REC Items
 - Annual Report
 - Purchasing Policy Update
 - REC Tasks in Comprehensive Plan
- Member comments and announcements
- Set next meeting
 - Date, Time, and Agenda
 - 3rd Thursday is July 15th
- Adjourn

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

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and Renewable Energy Committee Meeting
June 17, 2010 – 3 p.m.
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- Minutes -

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

Absent: Bob Kazmierski, Kathryn Kienholz, Deb Peterson,

Others Present: Dana Frey, County Administrator, Linda Leef, Prospective Member

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

Motion: (Luke/O'Connel) to approve agenda. Carried.

Motions: (Westigard/Luke) to approve EIT/REC 5/17/10 minutes. Carried.

Public Comments: County Administrator Dana Frey introduced himself to the committee members who introduced themselves to him. He is just listening and getting acquainted.

Discussion: Focus On Energy Assessment – Tim Anderson just received the facility reports from Focus on Energy and emailed them to the committee just prior to the meeting. Discussed the next steps and plans to make an initial report to the Property Committee.

Discussion: Budget and current expenditures – Tim Anderson present an updated budget and expense report.

Motion: (JPeterson/Luke) to approve Tim Anderson's request for \$2500 registration for The Natural Step Webinar and Workshop course from Toronto. After extensive discussion motion was withdrawn.

Discussion: Sustainable Communities Tour – Tentatively scheduled for 9/9/10 – brochures distributed.

Discussion: Energy Fair 2010: Jeff Peterson and Marlin Baillargeon reported that substantial progress has been made for the August 21-22 Energy 2010 Fair. 350 vendors invited – 15 committed. Approximately \$3000 donations received. Dance and music arranged. Linda Leef reported that two keynote speakers and numerous breakout session speakers are committed.

Motion: (Baillargeon/Westigard) to approve REC Annual report prepared by Jeff Peterson. Carried.

Discussion: Tim Anderson presented the five REC Tasks that are part of the county's Comprehensive Plan.

Members Comments: Ryan Sterry reported on some of the early biomass sustainability issues.

Tom Engel reported he and Marlin Baillargeon are no longer associated with Greenweh Energy and have no knowledge of its present status.

Kathleen Melin reported she had very favorable responses from several grant writers and continues to search for funding for renewable projects at the Recycling Center.

Next Meeting: Set for July 15th @ 3 p.m. at the Polk County Government Center in Balsam Lake as a Joint Energy Independence Team & Renewable Energy Committee meeting.

Motion: (Baillargeon/Sterry) to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. Carried.

Prepared by: ***Thomas G. Engel***