

Renewable Energy Committee
Thurs., January 28, 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 December 10, 2009 meeting
- Public comments
- Items for discussion and possible action:
 - Energy Independent Communities grant proposal
 - Proposed changes to county purchasing policy
 - Committee support for proposed energy fair August 21 & 22
 - Strategic goals status reports and updates
- General discussion of renewable energy issues
- Member reports and comments
- Set next meeting
- Adjourn

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

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- Minutes -

Attendance: Marlin Baillargeon, Thomas Engel, Jay Luke, Kathryn Kienholz, Kathleen Melin, Kim O'Connell, Jeff Peterson, Gregg Westigard Absent: Mike Voltz

Others present: Bob Kazmerski, UW Extension Office Tim Anderson, County Planner Greg Marsten, Intercounty Leader Kyle Simmons, Geronimo Wind Energy

Called to Order at 3:01 PM by Chairman Jeff Peterson

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

Motion: (Westigard/Luke) to approve minutes of December 10, 2009. Carried

Public Comments: Kyle Simmons, Geronimo Wind energy gave a presentation on the possibility of large wind turbines being located in Polk County where favorable winds are available and land owners agree to participate. Committee members gave favorable comments and cautions on the potential large wind turbine ordinance that would need to be developed before any large turbines can be located in Polk County.

Discussion: Tim Anderson reported on the status of the county's energy efficiency grant application - a decision is probably 1-2 months away. Bob Kazmerski reported on the status of the county's energy planning grant - a decision will likely be received within the next 2-3 weeks.

Motion: Melin/O'Connell to approve the proposed revision to the county's purchasing policy 912 requiring energy and life cycle cost evaluations and decisions for county purchases. Approved with 2 friendly amendments by Engel. Carried Forwarded to the finance committee for review and decision.

Motion: Baillargeon/Westigard to have the Renewable Energy Committee cosponsor/endorse the 2010 Energy Fair on August 21 & 22 at the Polk County Fair Grounds. Carried

Discussion: Strategic Plan and Goals - progress reports reviewed and updated.

Members Reports: Kienholz requested that the committee consider sustain ability as part of the committee's function. Baillargeon requested assistance and cooperation at the next 2 energy fair committee meetings. Westigard advise members to make note of the new \$0.50/mile reimbursement rate. Melin announced the June 28-30 Farmer-Local Impact Connection seminar at LaMar Community Center

Next Meeting: Set for February 18th @ 3PM at the Polk County Government Center in Balsam Lake

Motion: (Kienholz/Melin) to adjourn at 4:35PM Submitted by Thomas G. Engel