

Renewable Energy Committee
Thurs., June 18, 2009 – 3:00 p.m.
Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

AGENDA

- Call to order
- Approve agenda
- Approve minutes of May 14, 2009 meeting
- Public comments
- Invited guest: Mike Sushoreba
- Items for discussion and possible action:
 - Strategic Plan
 - Status updates on progress toward goals
 - County energy plan
 - Recycling Center site assessment report
- 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, Kathleen Melin, Jeff Peterson, Mike Voltz, Gregg Westigard Absent: Larry Jepsen, Kathryn Kienholz

Others present: Debbie Peterson, Polk County Property Manager,
Tim Anderson, Polk County Planning
Bob Kazmirski, UW Extension

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

Motion: (Baillargeon/Westigard) to approve minutes of May 14, 2009. Carried

Public Comments: None

Presentation: Invited guests, Georgia & George Andria reported on their recently installed and activated 120 Ft, 20KW Jacobs Electric Wind Generator. The permitting process went extremely well with both Polk County & the Town of St. Croix Falls due to county's small wind generator ordinance. Equipment delivery was longer than planned. The equipment installer was great. Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company was quite slow. Installed cost was approximately \$75,000 minus \$13,000 Focus On Energy grant and estimated \$4000 per year federal income tax credit results in an estimated 8+ years pay back.

Discussion: Reports and discussion on progress toward the strategic plan goals. Debbie Peterson gave a update on the county's conservation efforts Municipal Energy Planning Workbook was distributed and discussed

Member's Reports & Comments: Tom Engel reported that the Lake country Cheese anaerobic digester project is still on according latest word received from Mike Welch. Marlin Baillargeon reported on recent conversation with a nuclear power plant manager and how impressed he was with the details of the safety procedures. Kathleen Melin reported on the planned "Waterless Toilet Seminar" planned at Lamar Center for July 7, 2009. Gregg Westigard commented on the success on the committee's efforts to develop and pass the county small wind generator ordinance and suggested an annual report from the committee be prepared. Jay Luke and Bob Kazimerski commented on the importance of the county's 25 x 2025 resolution.

Jeff Peterson commented on the success of the open house he had to show his photovoltaic solar panel system.

Next Meeting: Set for July 16th @ 3PM

Motion: (Baillargeon/Melin) to adjourn at 5:08 PM

Prepared by: *Thomas G. Engel*