

**Renewable Energy Committee**  
Thurs., August 20, 2009 – 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 July 16, 2009 meeting
- Public comments
- Items for discussion and possible action:
  - Strategic Plan
    - Status updates on progress toward goals
  - County energy plan
    - Resolution for County Board on vehicle fuels
  - Recycling Center solar project update
  - County purchasing policy revisions
  - Comprehensive plan – possible committee input
  - Anemometers on communications towers
  - Table at St. Croix Falls' Autumn Fest
  - Report on Greenwhey digester project
- General discussion of renewable energy issues
- Member reports and comments
- Set next meeting
- Adjourn

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

## Renewable Energy Committee

August 20, 2009 - 3:00 p.m.

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- Minutes -

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

Others present: None

Called to Order at 3:22 PM by Chairman Jeff Peterson

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

Consensus: To approve minutes of July 16, 2009.

Public Comments: None

Discussion: Reports and discussion on progress toward the strategic plan goals.  
Kathleen Melin reported on the Lamar Festival completed on 8/16 and the successful reduction in trash from the event.  
Other members reported some progress on goals

Discussion: Resolution Establishing Transportation Fuel Reduction Goals was discussed with a slight change defining the start date as January 1, 2010.

Motion: Baillargeon/Volz to approve proposed resolution. Carried  
Committee members present signed the resolution for presentation to the county board.

Recycling Center Solar Project update: Kathleen Melin reported that there are no Focus On Energy dollars available for solar replacing propane usage. Researching other grants.

Discussion: County Purchasing Policy; Gregg Westigard's proposed changes were presented by new committee member, county supervisor Kim O'Connell.  
Action postponed to next meeting.

Discussion: Comprehensive Plan - action postponed to next meeting.

Anemometers on Communication Towers: Some interest - more information needed

Table at St. Croix Falls' Autumn Fest: Discussed & planned for literature.

Greenwhey Energy: Marlin Baillargeon and Tom Engel reported on the initial meetings in St. Croix Falls and Turtle Lake on the initial corporate organization financing investigations with RC&D, discussion with Tonya Wienhart, County Finance Director and other investor ideas.

Members Reports: Kathleen Melin reported on the successful sustain ability efforts at the Lamar Festival.  
Mike Voltz announced the next county Clean Sweep program for September 25 & 26 at the Recycling Center.  
Jeff Peterson reported on the upcoming Solar Home Tour on October 3rd.

Next Meeting: Set for September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 3PM

Motion: (Baillargeon/Melin) to adjourn at 5:10 PM

Prepared by: *Thomas G. Engel*