

Renewable Energy Committee
Thurs., September 24, 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 August 20, 2009 meeting
- Public comments
- Guest presenter: Greg Radefeldt
- Items for discussion and possible action:
 - Strategic Plan
 - Status updates on progress toward goals
 - Transportation fuel reduction efforts
 - County purchasing policy revisions
 - Comprehensive plan – 10th Element
- 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: Thomas Engel, Kathryn Kienholz, Jay Luke, Kathleen Melin, Jeff Peterson,
Gregg Westigard

Absent: Marlin Baillargeon, Kim O'Connell, Mike Voltz

Others present: Bob Kazmerski, UW Extension Office
Gregg Radefeldt, National Builders

Called to Order at 3:06 PM by Chairman Jeff Peterson

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

Motion: (Luke/Kienholtz) to approve minutes of August 20, 2009.

Guest Presentation: Gregg Radefelt made his initial presentation to the committee discussing the idea of a \$150 million waste-to-energy plant to be located behind Menards in St. Croix Falls. Proposes to burn trash to create electricity for the grid and a closed loop hot water heat system for a possible motel/water park and neighboring businesses. Would employ 30-40 people. Many details and financing to be developed.

Discussion: Discussion on progress toward the strategic plan goals. All members are requested to bring a short written progress report to the next meeting.

Discussion: County Transportation Fuel Reduction Resolution was passed by the county board. Bob Kazmerski was requested to obtain the OEI templates for benchmarking fuel consumption

Motion: (Luke/Engel) to authorize Kienholtz and Westigard to draft a resolution to change the county purchasing policy to reflect bid item total life cycle energy costs and allow a best value decision basis as outlined by Gregg Westigard's suggested changes. Carried

Motion: (Luke/Engel) to endorse and support a proposed Element 10 to the county's comprehensive plan. Carried

Members Reports: Bob Kazmerski announced a 2nd round of Inventory Grant requests from the Office of Energy Independence.
Jeff Peterson commented about Osceola's energy inventory program and passed out a New York Times article on waste-to energy incinerators.
Tom Engel reported a GreenWhey Energy initial presentation to OEI was well received and that business development plans are progressing.

Next Meeting: Set for October 15th @ 3PM at the Osceola Middle School to tour the solar hot water heat system

Motion: (Westigard/Kienholz) to adjourn at 4:15PM

Prepared by: *Thomas G. Engel*