

Renewable Energy Committee

March 25, 2008 - 3 p.m.

Board Room - Polk County Government Center
100 Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

- Minutes -

Attendance: Marlin Baillargeon, Thomas Engel, Art Gamache, Jeff Peterson, Mike Voltz, Larry Jepson, Mike Welch, Gregg Westigard - arrived late

Others present: None

Meeting called to order by Jeff Peterson, Chairman @ 3:05 pm

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

Previous Minutes: Motion (Gamache/Welch) to approve 2/25/08 Minutes. Carried

Public Comments: None

Discussion: Discussed RBOG Grant status and content rationale. Grant to be mailed on or before 3/31/08

Discussion: Energy Independent Community designation - Jeff Peterson to talk to Brian D?

Discussion: Reviewed and discussed the Renewable Energy Committee Annual Report and the renewal resolution for continuing the committee.

Motion: (Baillargen/Gamache) To approve the Renewable Energy Committee Annual Report and to submit the renewal/continuing resolution to the April 15, 2008 Polk county Board meeting. Passed unanimously and all members signed the renewal resolution.

Discussion: Proposed Committee Goals for the coming year

1. Complete 1 major demonstration project at the Recycling Center
2. Establish a statewide renewable energy network
3. Establish continuing communications with UW Extension office
4. Complete Phases I and II of the bio-mass inventory

Discussion: Local Wind Data - Tom Engel reported on data received from WIS DOT for the Hwy 8 station. He also reported on efforts to secure wind data from the Unity School and Osceola Airport weather stations. Finally, he discussed the small wind generators on the Duluth Government Center. Mike Welch and Tom Engel and possibly others will try to arrange a visit to St. Louis County officials.

NOTE: Visit request has been submitted

Discussion: Green Expo - next year

Balsam Lake hydro plant - recalled comments from Mark Dahlberg of NVEC
And heard negative comments from Mike Voltz, as Village Trustee.

Discussion: May 10 Bio-energy Forum in New Richmond - Mike Welch and Jeff Peterson
have attended the planning meeting.

Committee Member's Comments:

Mike Welch gave an update on the Lake Country Cheese Plant Energy Project.
Jeff Peterson reported on the Polk County Wind Energy Ordinance as passed by the
county board.

Consensus: To set next meeting date as April 22, 2008 at 3 p.m, if committee is
renewed.

Motion: (Voltz/Baillargen) To adjourn. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Prepared by: *Thomas G. Engel*