

Renewable Energy Committee

July 22, 2008 - 3 p.m.

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

- Minutes -

Attendance: Marlin Baillargeon, Thomas Engel, Jeff Peterson, Mike Voltz, Mike Welch, Art Gamache Jay Luke, Larry Jepsen & Gregg Westigard absent.

Others present: County Board Supervisors: Pat Messicci & Kathy Kienholz

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM by Chairman Jeff Peterson

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

Previous Minutes: Motion (Baillargeon/Gamache) to approve 6/24/08 Minutes with grammar and spelling errors corrected. Carried

Presentation: Eric Anderson, Assistant Grant Planner, West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Lengthy discussion on grant types, criteria, options, and strategy.

Discussion: Biomass inventory grant status, grant strategy and the possibility of committee members conducting a local inventory with various wood processors in Polk County and surrounding area since a wood pellet Investor/manufacturer requires biomass/wood inventory before proceeding. Mike Welch offered to prepare an initial inventory script and questions.

Committee Member's Comments:

Marlin Baillargeon reported on the Scared Heart Hospital "Buy Local" initiative in Eau Claire.

Mike Voltz reported on the planned Recycling Center's exhibit at the fair and it's rain barrel project. He had nothing to report on a solar water heat and solar heating and/or air condition installation at the Recycling Center as being proposed by Badger State Plumbing from Eau Claire.

Jeff Peterson reported on the upcoming "Natural Step" group meeting and on an interesting phone conversation at the Copy Cat Stove Works discussing wood stove and wood pellets.

Consensus: To set next meeting date as August 26, 2008 at 7 p.m.. Expecting to have a speaker from Ardisam, Inc.

Recess: Committee traveled to Mike Voltz's home to observe and discuss his completed operating Solar Domestic Hot Water Heating system and installation.

Adjourned @ 4:55 PM

Prepared by: *Thomas G. Engel*