

Renewable Energy Committee

April 22, 2008 - 3 p.m.

North Conference 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, Mike Welch, Gregg Westigard

Others present: None

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

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

Previous Minutes: Motion (Gamache/Baillargeon) to approve 3/25/08 Minutes. Carried

Public Comments: None

Election of Officers: Postponed until new committee is appointed by new county board chairman

Discussion: Energy Independent Community Designation sample resolution was reviewed and suggested changes presented

Motion: Engel/Welch - Jeff Peterson to develop and present a new Energy Independent Community resolution based upon discussion for presentation to county board.
Carried

Discussion: Jeff Peterson reported that our biomass energy inventory grant request was denied as a RBOG grant. He suggested that it be submitted as a RBEG grant.

Motion: Gamach/Peterson to resubmit grant application as RBEG grant. Carried

Discussion: Reviewed and discussed the Renewable Energy Committee 2008-2009 goals

Report: Tom Engel reported on progress toward obtaining wind speed data for the Hwy 8 weather station and the Osceola Airport and preliminary solid contact with both St. Louis County, Minnesota official and the supplier of their small wind generators.

Report: Jeff Peterson passed out pamphlets for the May 10th Bio-energy Forum in New Richmond. Several member express intent to attend.

Report: Jeff Peterson passed out sample Power Purchase Agreement article so committee can

become familiar with the concept and details should such a contract be needed.

Committee Member's Comments:

Mike Voltz reported on the Earth day activities and program at the Recycling Center.

Mike Welch gave an update on the Lake Country Cheese Plant Energy Project and indicated he expects to be traveling to Duluth.

Gregg Westigard encourage the committee to push for Energy Conversation audits at all county buildings.

Art Gamache present newspaper articles on the UWRF wind energy study and possible large scale electric generator project and the methane generated electricity.

Mike Voltz reported over 650 visitors and many exhibitors at Earth Day at the recycling center.

Jeff Peterson commented on the Midwest Renewable News and Energy Association.

Consensus: To set next meeting date as May 27, 2008 at 3 p.m.. Time dependent upon possible wind generator tour to John McKenize's business.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Prepared by: T    a  G. E    