

Renewable Energy Committee

May 27, 2008 - 1 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, Gregg Westigard, Jay Luke, Art Gamache absent. Larry Jepsen arrived late

Others present: Bryan Besler, Josh Stolzenburg, Karl Schwingel, Dave Hansch

Meeting called to order by Brian Besler, County Board Chair @ 1:00 pm

Motion: (Welch/Luke) to nominate Jeff Peterson as Chair of Renewable energy committee.
Carried

Motion: (Baillargeon/Luke) to combine Vice Chair/Secretary position. Carried

Motion: (Baillargeon/Luke) to nominate Tom Engel as Vice Chair/Secretary. Carried

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

Previous Minutes: Motion (Luke/Welch) to approve 4/22/08 Minutes. Carried

Public Comments: Dave Hansch introduced himself and attended to go on the post meeting alternative energy tour.

Discussion: Revised "25x25" resolution reviewed

Motion: (Welch/Baillargeon) to approve, support and forward the "25 x 25" resolution to the county board. Carried - all members present signed resolution

Discussion: Jeff Peterson reported that since our biomass energy inventory grant request was denied as a RBOG grant, he passed out an information bulleting on Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program (RBEG) grants. By consensus it was determined to reapply for the biomass inventory grant as a RBEG grant since once again Mike Welch reported on a new potential wood pellet manufacturing operation in the county and the biomass inventory is needed to support this project.

Report: Jeff Peterson and Marlin Baillargeon reported on the may 10th Bio-Energy forum at New Richmond.

Report: Tom Engel reported that AeroVironment Architectural Wind Generators' science team has determined that the Recycling Center is a very low wind class site and that the site would only produce about 500 kWh per turbine. Tom will seek electric usage details for the Recycling Center.

Guest Speaker: Josh Stolzenburg and Karl Schwingel presented information on their North Wind renewable Energy business and experiences in the state of Wisconsin. Discussed many ideas about wind generators and answered committee members questions before planned wind generator tour.

Committee Member's Comments:

Mike Voltz reported on his personal plans for solar hot water heat system at his house and also on the information he has learned about the possibility of a solar installation at the Recycling Center.

Mike Welch gave an update on the Lake Country Cheese Plant Energy Project and reported on a potential investment contact for a Refuse Derived Fuel Power (RDF) Plant in Polk county

Consensus: To set next meeting date as John 24, 2008 at 3 p.m.. Would like to have a wood pellet speaker.

Adjourn: Since a quorum of the committee could not participate in the tour to 2 in-county wind generator sites and the solar hot water site, the meeting was adjourned at 3 P.M.

Prepared by: *Thomas G. Engel*