

## Renewable Energy Committee

November 19, 2008 - 3 p.m.

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

- Minutes -

Attendance: Marlin Baillargeon, Thomas Engel, Kathlyn Kienholz, Kathleen Melin, Jeff Peterson, Gregg Westigard, Mike Voltz Absent: Larry Jepsen, Jay Luke

Others present: Bob Kazmierski, UW Extension Office

Meeting called to order at 3:02 PM by Chairman Jeff Peterson

Introduction: Kathlyn Kienholtz, new committee member

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

Previous Minutes: Motion (Peterson./Westigard) to approve 10/28/08 Minutes. Carried

Public Comments: None

Members comments: Baillargeon commented on the concept of using municipal water supplies in geothermal heat pumps.

Kazmerski and Engel gave reports on the BioEnergy Round table at Turtle Lake.

Peterson reported on the status and progress that he and Kazmerski are making on the 25 x 25 grant application. He needs additional Letters of Support from NWEAC, Polk-Burnett Coop, city of SCF, City of Amery, Polk county Property and Highway

Discussion: Brief discussion on the need for an Energy Inventory Coordinator needs to identified in the 25 x 25 grant application

Presentation: Bob Kazmierski reviewed the first and second Strategic Planning Sessions. Kathleen Melin's composite long version Mission Statement for the REC was adopted by consensus:

*"The mission of the Polk County Renewable Energy committee is to research, evaluate, and promote sustainability with a focus on renewable energy systems for Polk County residents, businesses, and public agencies."*

Completed Strategic Issues Identification exercise.

Consensus: Set next meeting date as 12/16/08 at 3 p.m.. Continuation of Strategic Planning

Adjourned @ 5:05 PM

Prepared by: *Thomas G. Engel*