

## **Renewable Energy Committee**

Thursday, January 16, 2014– 3:00 P.M.

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

- Call to order
- Approve agenda
- Approve 12/19 minutes
- Public comments
- Short term project updates
  1. LED lighting project update- Tom
  2. Alternative fueled vehicles
  3. Polk County Energy Usage Report- Debbie
  4. Upcoming Monona Grove Presentation- Dave
  5. Brown Co. video- Debbie
  6. Continue discussing earlier strategic plan created with Bob Kazmeirski and select next projects to focus
- Member comments
- Set next meeting date
- Adjourn

(Agenda items may not be presented in this order)

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**Minutes of January 16, 2014 Meeting**

Chairman Timm Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present were county board supervisors Tom Engel, Jay Luke and Kathryn Kienholz and citizen member Dave Muller. Marlin Baillargeon, Joe Cronick, and Gary Dado were absent.

Also present was Bob Kazmerski, Polk County Extension Office, Tim Anderson, County Planner, and Debbie Peterson, County Property Director

**Motion by Kienholz/Luke to approve the agenda; carried by voice vote.**

**Motion by Luke/Muller to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2013 meeting; carried by voice vote.**

**Public comments:** None

**LED Lighting Project:**

Debbie Peterson reported that she is working on the Justice Center LED parking lot project specifications, contract issues and vendor selection.

**Energy Implementation Grant:** Tim Anderson announced that Polk County received a \$10,000 grant that will be used to change the lighting in the Justice Center garage and evidence storage area and LED parking lot lights. Tim reported that this is the third grant that Polk County has received.

**Polk County Energy Usage Report:** Debbie Peterson reported that the county was notified that it needed to switch to diesel heating fuel from natural gas at the Justice Center because of the extreme cold temperatures and that this was the first time in several years that had happened. She also reported that by being on an interruptible natural gas rate from WE Energies, Polk County save an estimated \$10,000 per year in fuel cost.

**Solar Panels & Seminar:** Dave Muller reported that he has had confirmed with the Kirk Reinhold from Solar Connections to be the keynote speaker at the REC organized solar panel information seminar for all government entities and facilities managers in the county on February 20, 2014 at 1PM in the West Conference Room. He will primarily report on the experiences of the City of Monona, WI and its solar panel installation project. Kathryn and Dave will prepare invitations. Bob Kazmerski volunteered the Extension services for brochure and poster work.

**Lindstrom Solar Panels:** Tom Engel reported on his conversation with Lindstrom, MN City Administrator, John Olinger. The committee determined that because the fiscal arrangements were so unusual in Lindstrom that it was not appropriate to invite Mr. Olinger.

**Brown County & Onedia Tribe Video:** Debbie Peterson showed the video from Brown County (Green Bay) and Oneida Tribe energy collaboration efforts that has guided them on “Sustainable, Self Reliance, Value Added” basis.

**Renewable Energy Committee Goals:** Bob Kazmerski distributed the REC 2014-2015 Goals. Committee members were given 'Champion' roles and timelines established.

**Next Meeting:** **Renewable Energy Committee Solar Energy Seminar** will be Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 1 p.m. in the West Conference Room. All Polk County Board Supervisors are welcomed.

**Motion by Kienholz/Luke to adjourn at 4:55 p.m.:** carried by voice vote

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Engel,  
Secretary