

Renewable Energy Committee

Thursday, January 17, 2013– 3:00 P.M.

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

- Call to order
- Approve agenda
- Approve 12/20 minutes
- Public comments
- Short term project updates
 1. LED lighting project update- Tom & Debbie
 2. Alternative fuel vehicles- Timm
 3. Alternative hot water for Justice Center- Jay & Debbie
 4. Recycling center status with alternative fuel furnace & skid steer
 5. Other projects?
- Member comments
- Set next meeting date
- Adjourn

(Agenda items may not be presented in this order)

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Minutes of January 17, 2013 Meeting

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

Present was county board supervisor Tom Engel, and citizen members Joe Cronick, Gary Dado, and Dave Mueller.

County Supervisors Jay Luke and Kathryn Kienholz and citizen Marlin Baillargeon were absent. Also present was citizen Gregg Westigard.

Motion by Dado/Cronick to approve the agenda; carried by voice vote.

Motion by Dado/Cronick to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2012 meeting; carried by voice vote.

Public comments:

Gregg Westigard asked if the “Energy Consumption” section of the county’s Purchasing Policy was being implemented; if the county’s comprehensive plan was being used; and did the REC have knowledge of the accomplishments by Johnson Controls. By consensus, the committee asked for appropriate reports from the Administration Department.

LED Lighting proposals:

Tom Engel reported that he had submitted the Justice Center Parking Lot LED Retrofit project to Dana for review and advice on using the county’s “Future Savings” Revolving Loan Fund account to pay for the project. The committee strongly endorsed the LED retrofit proposal and asked that Chairman Timm Johnson to send an endorsement letter to the Property Committee.

Alternate Fuel Vehicles:

Timm Johnson nothing further to report.

Justice Center Energy Usage:

Deb Peterson and Jay were not at the meeting and the committee did not receive an update on the Justice Center Water Heating Evaluation proposal from Craig Tarr, PE, at Energy Concepts, Inc.

Recycling Center:

No report on the alternate fuel usage, ie., natural gas, at the Recycling Center was available.

Members Comments:

Dave Mueller reported that he attended “Renew Wisconsin” Conference in Madison on 1/11/13. He was impressed with the state wide progress and usage of wind and solar energy.

Next meeting of the Renewable Energy Committee will be Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 3 p.m.

Motion by Baillargeon/Mueller to adjourn; carried by voice vote.

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Engel,
Secretary