

Renewable Energy Committee

Thursday, February 21, 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 1/17 minutes
- Public comments
- Short term project updates
 1. LED lighting project update- Tom
 2. Alternative hot water for Justice Center- Jay
 3. Earth Day booth at recycling center- Tim Anderson
 4. Polk County energy consumption policy update- Tom
- Member comments
- Set next meeting date
- Adjourn

(Agenda items may not be presented in this order)

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Minutes of February 21, 2013 Meeting

Vice Chairman Tom Engel called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Present were county board supervisors Jay Luke and Kathryn Kienholz, and citizen members Marlin Baillargeon, Joe Cronick, Gary Dado, and Dave Mueller.

Citizen Timm Johnson was absent.

Also present was Tim Anderson, Polk County Planner.

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

Motion by Luke/Dado to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2013 meeting; carried by voice vote.

Public comments:

None

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. Dana and Deb Peterson have scheduled a meeting on March 12th to discuss this project. Once again, 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:

Dave Muller commented on the new Polaris line of electric vehicles.

Earth Day Booth:

Tim Anderson reported on the plans for this year's earth day at the recycling center on April 19th. Committee members reported on the favorable response to last year's exhibit.

Motion: Kienholz/Luke to have a REC booth and representatives at the 2013 Earth Day; carried by voice vote.

Justice Center Energy Usage:

Jay Luke reported that some changes in showering procedures have been discussed with the sheriff's department that could be implemented with the changes in hot water production. Deb Peterson was 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:

Tom Engel reported that the Recycling Center was going to change the radiant heaters from propane to natural gas.

Members Comments:

Marlin Baillargeon raised a concern on the committee's effectiveness and purposes as none of the committee's recommendations have been implemented.

Joe Cronick expressed strong feelings for emphasizing "renewable energy".

Tom Engel reported on a new LED 4 ft tube replacement lamp and asked Joe Cronick to investigate and report at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Renewable Energy Committee will be Thursday, March 19, 2013 at 3 p.m.

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

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Engel,
Secretary