

Renewable Energy Committee

Thursday, March 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 2/21 minutes
- Public comments
- Short term project updates
 1. LED lighting project update- Tom & Debbie
 2. Alternative fueled vehicles- propane buses in Osceola- Timm
 3. Hot water usage and alternative in Justice Center- Jay & Debbie
 4. Earth Day booth at recycling center update- Tim Anderson
 5. 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 March 21, 2013 Meeting

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

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

Supervisor Kathryn Kienholz and citizen Gary Dado were absent.

Also present was Tim Anderson, Polk County Planner and Deb Peterson, Property Director

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

Motion by Luke/Cronick to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting; carried by voice vote.

Public comments:

None

LED Lighting proposals:

Deb Peterson reported that she had met with Dana and all the funds authorized in the 2012 “Future Savings Revolving Loan Fund” have been allocated. Therefore, they decided and recommended to consider the Justice Center Retrofit LED Parking Lights be included in the 2013 Capital Improvement Plan (Budget).

Alternate Fuel Vehicles:

Timm Johnson reported that the Osceola Transportation director has concerns about the building ventilation requirements when servicing a CNG vehicle. As a result, the school district is now evaluating the possibility of leasing a propane fueled and powered bus in order to gain operational experience and cost information.

Earth Day Booth:

Tim Anderson reported on the plans for this year’s earth day at the recycling center on April 19th. Committee members reviewed his display plans.

Justice Center Energy Usage:

Deb Peterson reported that she was seeking a way to obtain the engineering proposal from Craig Tarr, PE, at Energy Concepts, Inc.. Deb and Tim Anderson also reported that they had just learned of a solar hot water heating project at the Bayfield County Jail. They are trying to secure more information and data on this project.

Polk County Energy Usage:

Deb Peterson said that the “Electricity Demand” software from Johnson Controls has been finally received and installed. It is being tested and her department looks forward to meaning “Demand Usage” data and information.

Deb also reported the recent energy efficiency survey by Dairyland Power/Polk Burnett

representatives at the Recycling Center. She hopes to have written report for the next meeting.

Members Comments:

Joe Cronick reported on his initial investigation into the 4 ft LED tubes. He needs to investigate further and report to the committee.

Next Meeting: Renewable Energy Committee will be Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 3 p.m.

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

Adjourned: 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Engel,
Secretary