

## **Renewable Energy Committee**

Thursday, December 19, 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 11/21 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. Energy Implementation Grant report- Tim Anderson
  5. 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 December 19, 2013 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 members Marlin Baillargeon, Joe Cronick, and Dave Muller. Gary Dado was absent.

Also present was Bob Kazmerski, Polk County Extension Office, Tim Anderson, County Planner.

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

**Motion by Kienholz/Muller to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting; carried by voice vote.**

**Public comments:** None

**LED Lighting Project:**

Tom Engel reported that justice center parking lot LED lighting project is in the budget for 2014 and that this project will be part of the upcoming grant application discussion. Dave Muller mentioned that he had seen the Cree brand LED bulbs for less than \$10 at Menards.

**Energy Implementation Grant Application:** Tim Anderson presented and discussed information on a LED Planning and Implementing Clean Energy Investments grant opportunity for Energy Independent Communities that was submitted. We are 1 of 25 invitees and results will be available by 12/31/13. (Note: Polk County received a \$10,000 grant).

**Solar Panels:** Dave Muller reported that he has had continued contact with the Kirk Reinhold from Solar Connections and he is willing to come to Polk County for a presentation.

**Motion by consensus:** The committee to develop and put on a solar panel public information seminar on February 20, 2014. All local government officials and agencies are to be invited. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Polk County Energy Usage Report:** Since Debbie Peterson was not present, the first energy usage report for the Justice Center was unavailable.

**Renewable Energy Committee Goals:** Because of time constraints, Bob Kazmerski briefly reviewed last month's meeting and offer to prepare a sheet with revised committee goals for the January meeting.

**Members Comments:**

**Lindstrom Solar Panels:** Tom Engel passed out an information page on the Lindstrom, MN's Solar System. He will get in contact with City Administrator, John Olinger and see if he can participate in the February 20<sup>th</sup> seminar.

**Next Meeting:** Renewable Energy Committee will be Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 3 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Engel,  
Secretary