

## **Renewable Energy Committee**

Thursday, July 16, 2015– 3:00 P.M.

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

- Call to order
- Approve agenda
- Approve 6/18 minutes
- Public comments
- Potential Solar Study – update on contract status
- Review draft enabling resolution and potential committee renaming
- Update on OEI 25 X 2025 plan
- Member comments
  
- Set next meeting date
- Adjourn

(Agenda items may not be presented in this order)

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## Polk County Renewable Energy Committee Meeting

Held at the Government Center on July 16, 2015

Members attending: Marlin Baillargeon, Jay Luke, Craig Moriak, Marvin Caspersen, Timm Johnson, Jeff Peterson, and David Muller. Also attending: Tim Anderson, County Planner, and Conall Gallagher, a Mechanical Engineer with Nexus Solutions from Dresser, WI invited by Marlin to survey the committee as a possible member in the future.

Chair Timm Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The agenda was approved by voice vote. The previous meeting's minutes were approved with corrections to Administrator Frey's comments in paragraph two and wording in paragraph three.

Members were asked about any contact with Kurt Reinhold from Solar Connections. Muller reported no contact except an email copy of Reinhold's most recent letter addressed to Dana Frey about his company's proposal. Anderson saw the same letter and felt it was not persuasive. Baillargeon commented that the proposal created confusion around the proposed \$700,000 tax right-off and the county's initial investment of \$80,000 when we were anticipating no investment upfront similar to the Monona project. Muller has obtained a copy of Monona's data analysis on the solar project as well as their initial contract with Falcon Energy of Colorado, the financial group behind the Monona project. He will forward a copy of these documents to all members and Administrator Dana Frey by email.

Peterson led a discussion on a proposed county resolution to rename our committee, broaden the scope of our work and authorize annual funding for the REC. Chair Johnson, Tim Anderson, and Peterson met with County Commission Chair William Johnson to obtain input for the proposed resolution. Johnson would like to see a quarterly report to the county board of our efforts and suggested \$10,000 as an annual budget for the REC. Peterson commented that the function of the REC should include energy efficiency and conservation. Discussion followed on how to make recommendations to the county. Baillargeon commented that he would like to see a revolving loan fund made available for quickest payback items like LED lighting within the Polk County budget reserve fund. Moriak stated that any future REC recommendations should go to the Building Committee not the CDRE Committee. Luke suggested wording to include the appropriate department including the Building Committee and CDRE. Moriak requested that the annual budget be raised to \$15,000 and other members concurred.

Chair Johnson directed Peterson to revise the proposed resolution to include \$15,000 annual budget, leave the REC name intact and expand the description of our committee work. Peterson will email the changed proposal and review it with County Attorney Jeff Fuge and William Johnson.

Tim Anderson led a discussion of the 25x25 plan which is now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year. He will update the target data from the 2005-09 period to the more current 2010-14 numbers to measure progress of the plan. John Richards, NEI Representative, will be contacted if more information is required from the county energy provider. Luke will try to evaluate the status of the Johnson Controls Performance Guarantee Contract with Polk County and report back to REC at the next session.

Chair Johnson thanked Conall Gallagher for attending and asked him to consider filling the vacancy on the committee by the next meeting scheduled for August 20, 2015 at 3 p.m. at the Government Center.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Muller, Secretary