

Renewable Energy Committee

Thursday, November 20, 2014– 3:00 P.M.
Polk County Government Center, County Board Room
100 Polk Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

- Call to order
- Approve agenda
- Approve 9/18minutes
- Public comments
- Potential Solar Study
 1. Acknowledge Polk County Board approval of study funds
 2. Discuss Jim Olson's study request
 3. Next steps for gathering study information requested
- Member comments
 1. Other potential renewable energy projects
- 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 November 20, 2014

Attendees: Marlin Baillargeon, Kathryn Kienholz, Craig Moriak, Marvin Casperson, Jay Luke, Tom Engel, Timm Johnson, Tim Anderson, and Dave Muller

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

The agenda and the previous meeting's minutes were approved by voice vote.

The Polk County Commission approved our request to fund an Energy Audit as part of the Solar Study proposed by Kurt Reinhold and the E3 group. The amount of \$5,750 was allocated for the audit. Kathryn moved and Craig seconded a motion to approve the Polk County resolution to proceed with this work. Tom Engel expressed concern over the timeframe of completing the actual installation before the end of 2015. After discussion, the committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Timm said that the permission forms for electrical usage for the previous three years need to be approved by Polk County officials and sent to the provider, NEI. After they are returned to E3, then they will put together an investment grade proposal that details the actual funding of the solar project. Since we are only intending to rent out roof space like the Monona project that was completed this past year, we anticipate no cost to the county for the panels or installation.

Follow-up items include: contacting Jim Olson from E3-Dave Muller; contacting NEI for the release form-Tom Engel; and contacting Administrator Dana Frey for authorization-Timm Johnson.

The balance of the meeting included discussion on other possible renewable energy projects for consideration. We discussed LED lighting, biomass electrical generation, geothermal for a possible new Highway Department building, and a boiler replacement for the Golden Age Manor. Timm added that the new library in Osceola has been built to conform to the new IGCC Code and can be considered as a model for energy-efficiency.

The next meeting date was set for December 18, 2014 at 3 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Muller, Acting Secretary