

## Renewable Energy Committee

Thursday, March 20, 2014

Solar Seminar - 1:00 P.M

Meeting - 3:00 P.M.

Polk County Government Center, County Board Room

100 Polk Plaza, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Call to order

Approve agenda

Approve 1/16 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 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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**RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE**  
**Polk County Government Center, County Board Room**  
**Polk County Plaza, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin 54810**

**Minutes of March 20, 2014 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, Dave Muller. Gary Dado was absent.

Also present was Bob Kazmerski, Polk County Extension Office.

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

**Motion by Kienholtz/Luke to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2014 meeting; carried by voice vote.**

**Public comments:** None

**LED Lighting Project:**

Tom Engel reported that the LED project at the justice center parking lot has been pushed back to the 2015 CIP.

**Energy Implementation Grant:** Tim Anderson announced that Polk County received a \$10,000 grant that will be used to change the lighting in the Justice Center garage and evidence storage area. Tim reported that this is the third grant that Polk County has received.

**Alternate Fueled Vehicles:** Jay Luke reported that he just learned that Dane County had completed a snowplow truck CNG conversion.

**Polk County Energy Usage Report:** Debbie Peterson was not present and so no report was received.

**Renewable Energy Committee Goals:** Bob Kazmerski distributed the REC 2014-2015 Goals for final review. By consensus committee members were satisfied with the 'Champion' roles and timelines established.

**Solar Panels & Seminar:** The committee gave Dave Muller a "well done" report for the Solar Seminar that was held preceding today's committee meeting. We were all pleased with the number of attendees, the quality of the questions asked and most importantly with the quality of the *Monona Solar Project* presentation from Kurt Reinhold from Solar Connections.

**Motion:** Luke/Baillargeon to authorize mileage reimbursement for Kurt Reinhold. Carried by a voice vote.

**Members Comments:** Tom Engel reported on a Pioneer Press 3/15/14 article "Valuing Solar Energy.

Tom Engel volunteered to provide a very "preliminary, preliminary" estimate of the economic potential for photovoltaic panels on the government center and justice building roofs.

**Next Meeting: Renewable Energy Committee** will be Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 3 p.m. in the County Board Room. All Polk County Board Supervisors are welcomed.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Engel,  
Secretary