

RENEWABLE & SUSTAINABLE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Thursday, September 26, 2019
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse – Room 115, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Present: Reuben Van Tassel, Nancy Turyk, Sue Knuferman, Jake Hahn, Bill Leichtnam, Nicole Gessert

Others Present: Bill Clendenning, Doug Machon

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chair, Reuben Van Tassel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comments:**
Supervisor Bill Clendenning shared a publication, “Sustainable Times”.
3. **Review/approve previous meeting minutes:**
Minutes from the July 12, 2019 R&S Committee meeting and Minutes from the August 20, 2019 R&S Committee meeting.

Motion: (Kunferman/Turyk) to approve the prior meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Update on SolSmart and other Community solar initiatives:**
Nancy Turyk reported there are two items left for SolSmart gold designation. Permitting and inspector training sessions, which Jason Grueneberg from Planning and Zoning is working on; and the goals of this committee which will be discussed later in the meeting as an agenda item.

Turyk reported she had been contacted by The Solar Foundation to see if the County would be interested in being part of the 300th SolSmart designation. Van Tassel indicated this would be a good recommendation to pass along to the Executive Committee.

Van Tassel passed around a copy of a recent article in the Hub City Times featuring the solar projects the County is working on.

Van Tassel passed around a hand-out from the recent Saratoga Solar project meeting. Discussion ensued.
5. **Update on recommendations made to Executive Committee:**
Van Tassel reported that both recommendation that the R&S Committee made were forwarded to the Executive Committee. The Nepco Solar project was then forwarded to HIRC. HIRC approved the project. The Courthouse solar car charging station was approved by the Executive Committee.

Hahn questioned if the recommendation for the energy study was approved by the Executive Committee. Van Tassel confirmed the \$2,000.00 for the energy study is approved from the Lean Process grant funds.
6. **Review grant applications and send recommendations to Executive Committee:**
Van Tassel shared the R&S and Lean Process grant applications received. Van Tassel indicated that prior to this committee being formed the Executive Committee had approved an application from the Maintenance Department for LED lighting in the Jail for \$2,950.00 which would leave the funds available for the R&S grant at around \$22,000.00. The Committee reviewed the remaining three R&S grant applications. Discussion ensued.

Motion: (Kunferman/Hahn) to forward a recommendation to the Executive Committee to use the Renewable and Sustainable grant funds for a net cost of \$20,103.00 for the Nepco Lake solar project.

Motion: (Kunferman/Leichtnam) to amend the motion to ask that there be a requirement to the system installed so that there is future capability of adding power storage and the inverter used in the initial system is capable of providing power during a utility outage. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: (Kunferman/Hahn) to forward a recommendation to the Executive Committee to use the Renewable and Sustainable grant funds for a net cost of \$20,103.00 for the Nepco Lake solar project with a requirement to the system installed so that there is future capability of adding power storage and the inverter used in the initial system is capable of providing power during a utility outage. Motion passed unanimously.

Turyk stated that she would like to see a recommendation to Edgewater for resubmittal of their grant application in the future so it could be reviewed again next year because she feels it is a good project. The group consensus agreed with Turyk.

The Committee reviewed the two Lean Process grant applications. Discussion ensued.

Motion: (Hahn/Turyk) to forward a recommendation to the Executive Committee to approve both Lean Process grants for a total amount of \$26,500.00 with the additional cost coming from the amount left in the R&S grant funds. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Review draft of County goals and consider forwarding to Executive Committee:

Van Tassel handed out an update to the Wood County Energy Goals and Plan with some minor edits that he had made. Turyk updated the group on some edits she made after having a representative from SolSmart review the draft. Discussion ensued.

Motion: (Hahn/Leichtnam) to send the Wood County Energy Goals and Plan draft with the discussed edits to Executive Committee for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Sue Knuferman was excused at 12:00 p.m.

8. Future agenda items:

- Bill Leichtnam will reach out to Drew Gibbons from Savion
- Ground breaking solar event
- Committee Structure
- Approve Past meeting minutes

9. Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 24th. 10:00 a.m. @ Wood County Courthouse, Room 115

10. Adjourn Renewable & Sustainable Committee Meeting: Reuben Van Tassel adjourned @ 12:18 p.m.

Notes by Nicole Gessert, Maintenance Department