

## RENEWABLE & SUSTAINABLE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Friday, July 12, 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, Adam Fischer

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Nancy Turyk called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. **Identify who will take meeting notes:** Nicole Gessert from Maintenance will be the note taker.
3. **Identify Chair and Vice Chair:**  
Sue Knuferman nominated Reuben Van Tassel as Chair of the Renewable & Sustainable Committee. Second by Bill Leichtnam. No other nominations received. Van Tassel indicated he has a very full plate but will serve to the best of his ability. Vote: Unanimous. (Van Tassel abstained)  
  
Reuben Van Tassel nominated Sue Knuferman as Vice Chair of the Renewable & Sustainable Committee. Second by Bill Leichtnam. No other nominations received. Vote: Unanimous (Knuferman abstained).
4. **Public Comments:**  
Turyk thanked everyone for participating.
5. **Review committee composition and charge:**  
Renewable and Sustainable Committee roles and responsibilities were discussed from the packet materials. Leichtnam questioned why items were crossed off. Van Tassel indicated the items crossed off involved more of a community involvement and the direction from the Executive Committee was to be more County focused. Leichtnam questioned who controls the grant approvals. Adam Fischer spoke on behalf of the Executive Committee (EC) that it was the impression that this committee would approve Renewable & Sustainable along with Lean Process Improvement grants pending EC final approval.
6. **Review current Wood County energy initiatives:**
  - (a) **Wood County energy website:**  
Turyk stated the energy page is complete and is available on the Wood County Website.
  - (b) **Wood County efficiency and renewable grant program:**  
Turyk stated that the grant deadline was extended till 9/25/19 so this Committee will need to review the applications and report their recommendations to EC by 10/1/19. Discussion ensued regarding getting the word out to Department Heads (DH) about the grants and the process involving the Maintenance Department for any upgrades as a result of the grants. Knuferman suggested a possible FAQ document to help DH through the process. Turyk suggested cataloging grant requests to get a sense of what topics are being considered. Knuferman suggested adding the grant program as a discussion item at the next DH meeting.
  - (c) **SolSmart:**  
Turyk stated the SolSmart certification is almost complete. Discussion ensued regarding goal setting as related to SolSmart gold designation. Van Tassel noted that EC removed everything related to SolSmart as part of the Committee's roles and responsibilities. Fischer indicated he would get clarification from EC relating to goals.

**(d) National Renewable Energy Labs (NREL):**

Van Tassel presented information from an NREL evaluation on some County properties. Turyk presented additional information from North Wind Renewable Energy on a couple specific County properties and a handout from a conversation with Alliant Energy. Discussion ensued. Fischer questioned whether the Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) was being considered from a marketing standpoint. Turyk indicated she will get more RECs information. Turyk also indicated she will identify Central Wisconsin Group Buy (CWGB) rebate deadlines.

**7. Future Agenda Items:**

Turyk questioned if the Committee is ok with emails as a form of communication. The committee consensus agreed.

- Review Grants if available
- Review other counties goals
- Review example energy plans - Van Tassel will reach out to Portage County to get more information regarding implementation of their program.

**8. Next Meeting:**

Thursday, September 26th. 10:00 a.m. @ Wood County Courthouse, Room 115

**9. Adjourn Renewable & Sustainable Committee Meeting:** Reuben Van Tassel adjourned @ 11:47 a.m.

Notes by Nicole Gessert, Maintenance Department