

RENEWABLE & SUSTAINABLE COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: Thursday, October 24, 2019
TIME: 10:00 AM
LOCATION: Wood County Courthouse – Room 115, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Present: Reuben Van Tassel, Bill Leichtnam, Sue Kunferman, Jake Hahn, Nancy Turyk (via phone)

Others

Present: Nicole Gessert, Bill Clendenning, Chad Schooley

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chair, Reuben Van Tassel called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2. Public Comments:
None
3. Review/approve previous meeting minutes:
Minutes from the October 7, 2019 R&S Committee meeting.

Motion: (Leichtnam/Hahn) to approve the prior meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Update on recommendations made to Executive Committee:
 - a. Energy Goals:
Van Tassel indicated the Executive Committee accepted the Energy Goals and Plan and moved it along to County Board where it was approved unanimously.
 - b. Energy Study:
Van Tassel indicated Turyk is coordinating the details regarding the intern for the energy study. Turyk indicated the intern will begin work in November and the hope is to have a summary by the end of January. Turyk indicated due to the structure of the intern job role, a resolution will need to go before County board in November. Discussion ensued.
 - c. Ribbon cutting for Nepco solar project:
Chad Schooley provided an update on the solar project. The contractor has installed the uprights. Trenching is scheduled for next week and the panels could be any time after the trenching although it is a project the contractor is needing to fit in along with other projects they already had scheduled. Discussion ensued regarding possible times for a ribbon cutting ceremony and who would be in charge of organizing such event. Turyk will coordinate with Chair Machon and Chad Schooley a meeting to discuss further.
5. Discuss Committee structure/authority:
Van Tassel stated the agenda item of Committee structure was presented at the last Executive Committee (EC) meeting and it was indicated the Renewable and Sustainable Committee (R&S) should bring back to EC recommendations. Van Tassel indicated his level of discomfort with being a Committee chair and a Department Head if the role of the R&S Committee ever became more than advisory to the Executive Committee, as currently established. Van Tassel feels it would be best, if the R&S Committee role is expanded, for the chair to then be a County board supervisor. Discussion ensued.

Motion: (Leichtnam/Kunferman) to nominate Supervisor Hahn to chair the Renewable and Sustainable Committee. Motion passed. (Van Tassel abstained)

Committee members stated Van Tassel has done a wonderful job as Committee chair.

Motion: (Leichtnam/Hahn) to recommend EC change the structure of the R&S Committee to include one additional County Board Supervisor, give increased authority for public relations, and grant authority over budgeted R&S grant funding to R&S Committee for direct approval. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Future agenda items:

- Oakdale Co-Op. (Nancy will bring more information)
- Energy Goals and Plan
- Meeting Frequency

7. Next Meeting:

Friday, December 20th. 9:00 a.m. @ Wood County Courthouse, Room 115

8. **Adjourn Renewable & Sustainable Committee Meeting:** Jake Hahn adjourned @ 11:15 a.m.

Notes by Nicole Gessert, Maintenance Department