

# Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2013

Logan City Environmental Department Class Room

**Board Members Present:** Herm Olsen, Byard Wood, Rob Davies, Blake Thomas, Holly Daines, Jack Keller, Jim Goodwin, Mark Thomas, David Jenkins, Jack Keller

**Also in attendance:** Jason Grimes, Mark Thomas, Emily Malik, Peter Brunson, Amy Anderson, Mark Montgomery, William H., Jack Greene

## A. Acceptance of Agenda/Minutes

All present members approved the agenda and minutes.

## B. Announcements

Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Richard said the election ended in a tie between Holly and Byard.

Richard made a motion to select Byard for Vice Chairman.

Holly withdrew her nomination as Vice Chairman.

All present members voted and nominated Byard as Vice Chairman.

Richard welcomed Byard into his new position.

Emily announced she is building 3 light boxes to use for demonstrations showing the different types of lights.

Jason mentioned that Costco has LED can lights for \$6.00 so the price of energy efficient lights is starting to come down.

Jack announced that at Cache High School they are trying to start the process to install solar panels and they are trying to raise money to help offset the cost.

## C. UAMPS Update From Mark and Review Rob's Proposal

Mark gave an update on UAMPS projects Logan is involved in.

Mark said Logan City is on the most invested players in UAMPS.

Holly mentioned that she feels the board does not need to reinvent the wheel with their goals.

Jim asked Mark how much load increase he thought we would need going forward.

33 Mark said about 4% per year.

34 Jim asked if the board is okay getting power from IPP that is dirty and adding pollution to the  
35 air.

36 Holly mentioned she doesn't think it would be wise to try to research projects when UAMPS is  
37 already doing that.

38 Rob said they should be working on renewable resources.

39 Mark Thomas said he talked to a few developing projects in Utah and asked if they were in  
40 talks with UAMPS and they are telling him they are not.

41 Mark Thomas asked the board if they can trust UAMPS to being looking for projects for them.

42 Mark said the projects won't approach UAMPS because they can get top dollar from  
43 California and not from UAMPS.

44 Mark Thomas asked if UAMPS does portfolio management.

45 Mark said Yuqi does most of it but UAMPS does assist.

46 Rob said that UAMPS won't do everything for Logan City so the board can help fill the gaps.

47 Mark said he isn't actively looking for other projects outside of UAMPS.

48 Holly mentioned maybe using the talents on the board to look for other projects.

49 Jack asked to get more information about UAMPS before they make a decision on goals and  
50 a road map.

51 Mark said he will send the UAMPS information out and also information is available on their  
52 website UAMPS.com.

53 Rob mentioned the board should look at a road map/strategic plan to get Logan on 100%  
54 renewable power in the future.

55 Mark Thomas said that 4% of power in Utah is renewable and people would like to see a lot  
56 more renewable power.

57 Mark Thomas mentioned Utah was trying to get renewable companies to come to the state.  
58 General Electric was looking at putting a plant in the west and told Utah they were not  
59 consider coming to the state because the state is not serious enough about renewable  
60 energy.

61 Rob said the Power Board and Mark with some help from UAMPS are doing a great job  
62 keeping the lights on but this board could focus on a plan to focus on renewable energy  
63 projects.

64 Holly said it is hard because of the changing technology and economy.

65 Rob mentioned that is why they need somebody with their nose in it so they can see the next  
66 project instead of just the current project.

67 Jim said the city needs a road map so that people still want to come here in the future.

68 Rob asked Mark if money wasn't an issue would he use a road map for future  
69 growth/development.

70 Mark said yes it would be a great resource if you could separate it from the money.

71 Jim said that if they city really does feel it is important they will find the money.

72 Holly mentioned that this is a conversation she thinks should be taking place with the Power  
73 Board.

74 Jim said there should be more communication between the 2 boards.

75 Herm said that Mark could ask the City Council for money if he doesn't have it in the budget  
76 or at least show a commitment to this board and research.

77 Jack suggested maybe asking UAMPS for financial help too.

78 Jim said he met with Sandy (President of the Chamber of Commerce) for about an hour if a  
79 luncheon/gathering with local business CEO's to get their input on a road map.

80 Jack asked if there is a generic road map to look at that could help get a better idea of what is  
81 being discussed.

82 Jim said Jack is right that we need to get a road map and understand it before they could go  
83 to Mark of the City Council.

84 Byard said that he has been part of a lot of road maps and they usually end up on the shelf  
85 because they are not a living document.

86 Byard mentioned there are projects they could look into that wouldn't be on a road map. An  
87 example would be capturing energy at the new transfer station.

88 Emily said she would like to see the board also look into projects UAMPS is already  
89 researching and add to the road map.

90 Herm asked who would be the best to do the research.

91 Emily said she does not know.

92 Jim asked if UAMPS could come to the board and do a presentation so the members could  
93 understand better who they are and what they do.

94 Mark said he did not know but he would ask.

95 Herm said they maybe too late on this budget year to include any money for a road map but  
96 have Emily and Mark connect with UAMPS to come up for a presentation.

97 Herm also mentioned that the board could learn from UAMPS but UAMPS could also learn  
98 from the board.

99 Rob asked Mark Thomas if he could come up with a sample road map.

100 Mark Thomas said that it is too broad to create one but he would ask different cities to write a  
101 paragraph about their road maps.

102 Jim makes a motion to have Mark extend an invitation to UAMPS to come to a board  
103 meeting.

104 Herm seconded the motion with amending the original motion to include time to educate  
105 UAMPS about the board.

106 All present members voted and approved the motion.

107 Emily asked if somebody wanted to volunteer to give the summary of the board to UAMPS.

108 Rob volunteered.

109 Emily asked if they should invite the Power Board.

110 Mark said that it wouldn't hurt.

111 Emily asked if the meeting could be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

112 Both Richard and Mark said they would be out of town.

113 Emily asked Mark to get dates from UAMPS and she would send out an email to get the best  
114 date that would work for everyone.

115 Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

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117 Minutes submitted by: Amy Anderson