

Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2013
Logan City Environmental Department Class Room

Board Members Present: Jim Goodwin, David Jenkins, Rob Davies, Byard Wood, Matt Hansen, Richard Anderson, Holly Daines, Herm Olson

Also in attendance: Emily Malik, Mark Montgomery, amy Anderson, Paul Heins, Pete Brunson

A. Acceptance of Agenda/Minutes

Byard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Herm moved to approve the minutes.

Jim seconded the motion.

All present members voted and approved.

B. Paul Heins

Rob introduced Paul Heins, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Logan.

Paul said his church is interested in energy conservation.

Paul mentioned they would like to maybe be involved in the solar farm or look at putting up solar panels at their church.

Jim said the solar farm has been up and running but they do not know if they are going to sell panels or power yet.

Mark said the solar farm is for residential customers only but he is working with Clean Energy Collective to see what options there are to move forward.

Herm asked if that is the same company that was looking into putting panels at the landfill.

Mark said that was one option but they are looking at other options to.

Mark mentioned one of the storage companies in Logan City just installed solar panels and they produce enough power to sell some back to Logan Light and Power.

Herm asked David how long his panels have been up and going.

David said they have been up about 1 ½ years. He said they panels heat water to heat and cool the building but does not produce electricity.

Byard asked Paul if they would like to promote the solar farm or to place panels on their building.

Paul said both. They would like to support renewable energy and also maybe put panels on their building.

Jim asked Paul if they have talked to other houses of faith about how they do it or if they are interested in energy conservation.

Paul said they have started to research what other houses of faith are doing. They are just starting the process though.

Byard suggested doing some research of renewable energy with different houses of faith as part of the roadmap.

Jim said he agreed with Byard.

Mark asked Paul if he would like him to have Clean Energy Collective contact him.

Paul said yes.

Rob said Clean Energy Collective would try to get different businesses to put in so they can create a bigger scale project.

Jim mentioned at the Bioneers conference they had a gentleman who was in charge of all the LDS buildings come speak about their renewable energy use. He suggested they may be a good resource to reach out to.

C. RFP

Rob mentioned they created the solar farm pilot and have more people interested now than when it started. He said he hopes that Holly and Herm can help with the Administration/Software roadblocks.

Jim passed around an article about how Germany is using renewable energy.

Byard asked if the RFP is good or needs to be looked over again.

Holly mentioned she does not want to see the RECAB board spend \$15,000 and get nowhere with moving forward.

David agreed and said the RFP is vague and needs to have more details added.

Emily said she talked to some consultants and they were not really interested in the current RFP.

Emily mentioned the consultants are willing to do a full roadmap.

David said he feels the RECAB board should just jump to the next level and not waste the money or time.

Holly agreed with David.

Rob mentioned that a few months ago the RECAB board said they wanted to be able to answer some questions and hand the consultants some information and that was what this RFP was for.

Holly said she thinks there needs to be an educational component but a roadmap is key.

Herm said he was wondering if this step could be short circuited and just move on to the next step but he does like it being 90 days instead of a year.

Byard said he understands the \$15,000 would be basically spent to write an RFP.

Byard mentioned he agrees with David and it shouldn't be just a feel good move.

Emily said when she talked to the consultants they knew exactly what she was talking about and looking for when she mentioned the road map.

Jim said he has been around this before and most consultants are willing to give a proposal.

Jim mentioned that he feels whoever the consultant is needs to tailor the RFP to Logan City.

Emily mentioned she could probably find RFP's on creating a roadmap to put out.

Rob said 4 months ago he wanted to motion to hire Mark Thomas but was told there had to be a bid/RFP put out.

Holly said anything spent over \$3,000 has to be an RFP.

Herm suggested postponing 30 days and give Emily time to research roadmap RFP's and have somebody ask Mark Thomas if this type of RFP can be completed in 90 days.

Rob asked if he could just alter the current RFP to say 90 days completion date.

David said he would still like wording added to have a meaningful outcome.

Byard moved to have a three person committee meet weekly to move forward on the RFP.

Jim said there already is one that includes Jim, Rob and Emily.

Rob said he would also like Byard to be involved.

D. New Location for Meetings

Emily said the next meeting should be at the new Environmental Building on 200 N 1400 West. If it is different she will send out notification.

E. Schedule Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held on October 2.

Minutes submitted by: Amy Anderson