

Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2014

Logan City Environmental Department Class Room

Board Members Present:

Also in attendance:

1. Acceptance of Agenda/Minutes

Richard welcomed everyone.

All present members approved the agenda and minutes.

2. Remembering Jack Keller

Richard announced that Jack Keller passed away since the last meeting.

Richard asked for a moment of silence in honor of Jack.

Jim read a memorial for Jack Keller.

Jim said on April 19th there will be a public memorial for Jack.

3. Announcements & Introductions

Richard welcomed Council Member Jeannie to the board.

Richard also welcomed Mayor Petersen to the meeting.

Emily announced Jeannie Simmons and Herm Olsen have been appointed by the Logan City Council to represent the council on RECAB.

Richard moved to express thanks to Holly Daines for her service on the board.

Jim seconded the motion.

All present members voted and approved the motion.

4. Mayor Petersen

Mayor Petersen asked for a quick overview of the RECAB board.

Richard and Rob gave Mayor Petersen a quick overview of RECAB.

Mayor Petersen asked what the biggest accomplishment is.

31 Richard said he felt the CFL movement and solar farm were the biggest accomplishments.

32 Jack Greene mentioned that he also felt the education outreach that Emily provides to the
33 community was an accomplishment.

34 Mayor Petersen introduced himself.

35 Mayor Petersen said he has a high interest in solar power and that he looks at projects in a
36 cost/benefit manner.

37 Mayor Petersen also mentioned that e is also highly interested in air quality.

38 Mayor Petersen asked where the budget for RECAB comes from.

39 Mark said 1% comes from revenue.

40 Emily mentioned that it is about \$300,000. It has been used to fund the incentive programs,
41 solar farm and some hydro repairs.

42 Mark said he has signed a non-disclosure agreement with Clean Energy Collective.

43 Mark mentioned they are looking at two different options. Option 1 would be to sale the
44 current solar farm to Clean Energy Collective or Option 2 would be to create a new farm with
45 Clean Energy Collective.

46 Rob explained to Mayor Petersen the original plan for the solar farm and how it has evolved
47 to its current status. He mentioned that it was an administrative road block that was
48 preventing the project moving forward.

49 Jim mentioned that Rocky Mountain Power has requested a 9% rate increase and also
50 charge a fee for homeowners who have solar panels to put energy back into the system.

51 Jim said that Logan City has an advantage because they are not at the mercy of Rocky
52 Mountain Power.

53 Rob said the council did heavy due diligence when they rejected the coal ip3 which was a
54 great decision since coal collapsed and it would have been a 20 – 30 year contract.

55 Jim asked what would happen if the city did incentive to convert to ground source heat
56 pumps.

57 Richard said the analysis he has done shows ground source heat would help air quality.

58 Rob mentioned he disagreed with Richards's statement.

59 **5. RFP**

60 Blake asked about the status of the RFP.

61 Mark said he only received 1 bid back and it was from Mark Thomas.

62 Mark mentioned that Mayor Watts did not want to sign the contract with Mark Thomas so he
63 contacted Mayor Petersen and he felt the same.

64 Mayor Petersen said he felt the RFP could be created in house.

65 Rob mentioned that the RECAB board has had many in depth discussions on the RFP.

66 Jim said using RFP was maybe the incorrect wording but the board needs help doing
67 research to create a RFP to move forward.

68 Richard said that Mark Thomas also brings to the table bond experience.

69 Emily would certainly have the capability of writing an RFP in the proper form so that it would
70 fit RFP criteria for Logan City, but the point to is that we need to get basic renewable energy
71 research done, in general terms, as to what some of the renewable energy possibilities might
72 be for Logan.

73 Jeannie asked if spending the \$15,000 now would decrease the overall strategy cost.

74 Rob said he felt it would.

75 Mayor Petersen said he isn't opposed to doing research but not putting out a RFP when we
76 don't know where we want to go.

77 Jim said he thinks not having information before a roadmap will cost a lot more.

78 Rob said the RECAB board needs to recommend to the council that the board needs help to
79 move forward.

80 Mark said he thinks he can set goals without Mark Thomas. He also feels Mark Thomas won't
81 bring all of the projects available to them.

82 Mark mentioned that Mark Thomas is meeting with him on a project free of charge so he isn't
83 sure why we would start paying him for that.

84 Mayor Petersen said he would like a 1 page description of what goals the board would like to
85 achieve with a RFP.

86 Rob said he feels that UAMPS won't be able to help the board in their current situation.

87 Mark said he doesn't see how a roadmap will help him find those projects either.

88 Rob said the roadmap is a way to start moving forward.

89 Jim said it would be nice to talk to other communities who have renewable energy models.

90 Mayor Petersen said he thinks it is good to look at other paths and ideas.

91 Emily said she can put together some information for the next meeting on other city's energy
92 roadmaps.

93 Mayor Petersen said he would be supportive of sending personnel to learn more from the
94 cities that have roadmaps that work.

6. RECAB Position Vacancy Options

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96 Emily mentioned they will discuss the position vacancies at next meetings.

7. Next Meeting

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98 Emily said she will send out a doodle poll to schedule the next meeting.

