

# Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2014

Logan City Environmental Department Class Room

**Board Members Present:** Byard Wood, Jim Goodwin, Peter Robertson, Blake Thomas, Herm Olsen, Jeannie Simmonds

**Also in attendance:** Amy Anderson, Emily Malik, Laraine Swenson, Peter Brunson

## 1. Acceptance of Agenda/Minutes

Byard welcomed everyone

Herm moved to approve minutes.

Jim seconded the motion.

All present members voted and approved the minutes.

## 2. Announcements

Byard welcomed Laraine.

Emily said Dr. Stephanie Kawamura who is coordinating Earth Hour asked Herm and Holly if Logan City would participate. Herm thought it might be a good idea for her to come and present to RECAB. Emily has asked her to talk to RECAB in June.

## 3. Questions about budget

Herm said he asked Laraine to come so she could give an insight into what the board was designed to accomplish.

Herm mentioned it is budget review time and would like to see what needs to be done with the RECAB budget.

Byard said that his presentation will go over a lot of this information.

## 4. Future of RECAB

Byard presented on RECAB. Please see attached presentation by Byard

Laraine said the board was created because of the IPP3 proposal and the council felt they needed more information to make a decision.

33 Laraine mentioned the proposal was voted down and after the meeting Rob Davies asked  
34 Joe and herself how they were going to get the 20 MW of power that they were planning on  
35 getting from the IPP3 proposal.

36 Laraine said that Joe told Rob that they would look into renewable sources and RECAB was  
37 created to complete that.

38 Laraine mentioned that the main focus at the beginning was conservation.

39 Laraine said that coal was 5 cents per kilowatt in the IPP3 contract and conservation was  
40 cheaper than that.

41 Emily mentioned that conservation cost was under 1 cent per kilowatt hour conserved.

42 Laraine said it is the cheapest to promote conservation.

43 Emily said that she thinks that she heard that our load peaked around 2007 and hasn't really  
44 changed since. She will double check that though.

45 Laraine said the lighting technology has improved.

46 Emily mentioned she was at the Eccles Ice Arena and they have traded out all of the  
47 fluorescent lights with LED's. She said she had many comments from participants saying how  
48 the lights were brighter and quieter than the previous year.

49 Laraine said she brought forward a proposal for a 1% rate increase when she was on Logan  
50 City Council to be used for energy conservation but it did not pass.

51 Emily mentioned when Jeff White did rate increased he did include the 1% for energy  
52 conservation.

53 Emily said that her understanding is that 1/3 of the budget goes to renewable energy  
54 purposes, 1/3 goes to conservation benefitting the community and the last 1/3 goes to  
55 incentives offered by RECAB, but that it can be shifted – this is just the general distribution.

56 Byard asked who has signing power over the budget.

57 Emily indicated that it is a Light and Power budget.

58 Jim mentioned that he has been frustrated because the board does not really see any  
59 funding and that has shown with trying to create a road map.

60 Jim said with things changing that the board should focus on a road map/plan to help guide  
61 the city.

62 Laraine mentioned that she would like to see the Logan City Power Board and RECAB  
63 combined.

64 Emily said Loren and Mark are on the Logan City Power Board.

65 Herm asked Emily how she felt the budget was and if she feels there needs to be changes to  
66 the budget.

67 Emily said she feels the budget has been adequately funded. She mentioned the funding has  
68 never been an issue for any program that RECAB has wanted to see move forward.

69 Jim mentioned that he thinks the board made an innocent mistake by saying they needed  
70 \$15,000 for an RFP to be created.

71 Laraine mentioned that most RFP's are done in house and maybe RECAB should create a  
72 broad master plan before a road map.

73 Peter said from an outsider's view the RFP language was used incorrectly.

74 Byard continued with his presentation.

75 Byard mentioned he enjoys the conversations and company from the board but feels that the  
76 board has only been treading water and not really making headway.

77 Emily said she would send out the questions in Byard's presentation to all the board  
78 members and put together a summary of everybody's answers.

79 Laraine said that it is a little late to try and change the budget for this year. She  
80 recommended starting this talk in January.

81 Emily said the next Logan City Power Board meeting is April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 am.

82 Byard said he felt now is a good time to re-evaluate the board and its goals.

83 Jeannie said it might be best to go from Laraine's recommendation of creating a broad  
84 master plan and then having smaller goals that are more focused.

85 Emily said maybe Logan City Light and Power Department has a master plan that has some  
86 energy goals that RECAB could work with.

87 Laraine mentioned she has not seen any master plans for Light and Power in her time on the  
88 Logan City Council.

89 Byard asked if there was enough interest that he thinks there should be a follow up meeting  
90 before the next regularly scheduled meeting.

91 Emily mentioned there are 2 vacancies coming up and she feels they should be filled before  
92 planning for the future so the new members can be involved.

93 Byard said he agrees but the board is on a train and it needs to keep moving forward instead  
94 of sitting and idling.

95 Emily said there needs to be a list of nominations to fill the vacancies.

96 Herm suggested Joe Needham.

97 Emily said she will check the city ordinance and by-laws to see what qualifications need to be  
98 met to be a member of RECAB.

99 Emily mentioned she will also post a get involved announcement on the Logan City website.

## 100 **5. Who to invite to May Meeting**

101 Emily asked for everybody to send her a list of people they would like to invite for the next  
102 meeting.

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**7. Next Meeting**

104 The next meeting will be held on Friday May 2, 2014

105 Meeting adjourned at 8:45 am.

106 Minutes submitted by: Amy Anderson