

Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2014

Logan City Environmental Department Class Room

Board Members Present: Byard Wood, Jim Goodwin, Loren Anderson, Matt Hansen, David Jenkins, Jeannie Simmonds

Also in attendance: Mark Montgomery, Matt Perry, Emily Malik, Amy Anderson, Peter Brunson, Mayor Craig Petersen, and Charles Ashurst

1. Acceptance of Agenda/Minutes

Byard welcomed everyone

Jeannie moved to accept the minutes from the August meeting along with the special meeting held in August.

Jim seconded the motion.

All present members voted and approved both of the minutes.

2. Announcements/Events

Byard said that 3 RECAB members attended the recent UAMPS meeting and that it was an interesting conference.

Emily mentioned there had been a few changes made to the commercial light incentive program offered by RECAB and that they were approved by Council in the previous week. She passed around copies of the incentives that were approved along with a copy of the resolution signed by council. She also passed out an article for the September 5, 2014 Herald Journal article about the new incentives.

Jeannie suggested an educational piece that shows customers the difference in lights available at the stores that residents can take with them to help pick the right light bulb.

Emily said she could put together an educational piece and have it put in the utility bill for Logan residents.

Jim asked if there was a way to put together a program to roll out a residential lighting incentive program.

Emily said she can talk to the local distributors and see if they will do a coupon program for residential customers.

Mark mentioned that UAMPS has a program for residential lighting incentives that they administer but it does have an administration cost.

Dave suggested looking at the Nest thermometer for a residential rebate program.

37 Loren suggested looking into more options than just lights for a residential rebate program.

38 Jim mentioned the thermometer rebate would be a good idea but not all homes have air
39 conditioning.

40 Emily mentioned both of the ideas maybe able to be implemented.

41 Jeannie said she thought that was a great idea.

42 The board also discussed a free bulb program. Emily will check into prices on bulk
43 purchasing and suggested that we could give them away at Earth Day, perhaps at an Earth
44 Day celebration.

45 Mayor Petersen said Logan City is going to new billing software and should be able to add
46 conservation notes on the bill.

47 Loren asked if LED's are as temperamental as CFL's when you turn on and off the lights a
48 lot.

49 Emily said she sees a difference between the two.

50 Jim mentioned that the board should get some more information to move forward with a
51 residential rebate program.

52 Charles Ashurst said they have started a local chapter of Citizen's Climate Lobby Group.

53 Charles mentioned they would like to partner with Logan City on some projects like the solar
54 farm.

55 Jim said they have discussed the solar farm and moving forward with the program in the
56 special meeting held in August.

57 Charles said if anybody wants more information on the Citizen's Climate Lobby Group to
58 contact Jack Greene.

59 **3. Future RECAB Planning**

60 Byard said the board held a special meeting and decided to have a more focused agenda to
61 help keep the board moving along.

62 Byard went over the NREL handout he passed out.

63 Byard mentioned the felt the NREL handout is a good guideline for setting a roadmap and
64 focused agenda for RECAB.

65 Mayor Petersen said he thought the NREL handout was a good idea to help the board. He
66 also said he felt that the focus should not be on the technology side since most of the board
67 members have a good understanding of it.

68 Loren said the goal should be to give a report to Logan City Council and that breaking up the
69 responsibility among the board members.

70 Jim mentioned that the reports should be more frequent than once a year.

71 Loren said if something urgent comes up than that should be presented otherwise the topics
72 should be researched for 6 months than presented to the council.

73 Jeannie suggested also watching budget timing with the council if RECAB wants to get
74 projects funded.

75 Mayor Petersen said that was a good idea but most of the funds for projects would either
76 come from the RECAB budget or Logan Light and Power budget.

77 Emily said she could do a page overview of the technology for each discussion for the
78 meetings they are being discussed at.

79 Byard mentions he will work with Emily to create a more focused agenda schedule.

80 Emily asked if they could combine some of the topics on the NREL guide.

81 Loren suggested starting by focusing on the solar farm project first.

82 Charles suggested adding Energy Storage to the guide.

83 Mayor Petersen said he thinks conservation and geo thermal might be more attainable for the
84 residents where concentrating on solar power, hydro, wind and energy storage would be
85 more of a decision made by Mark and the Logan City Light and Power department.

86 Byard suggested focusing on the solar farm for the October meeting.

87 Jim mentioned added the LED residential rebate program to the October agenda.

88 Emily said it would be better to stick to one subject per meeting.

89 Mayor Petersen suggested combining the solar farm topic and residential solar power.

90 Emily suggested using the solar farm topic as a gateway to residential solar power for the
91 November meeting.

92 Emily said she could research and contact home builders to see what the incentives are for
93 builders to use energy conservation/solar PV in their homes.

94 Byard suggested the solar farm project for October; distributed solar for November,
95 conservation for December and ground source heat pumps for January and February.

96 The following members volunteered to research/host the following meetings/topics
97 October & November Byard and Matt; December – Emily and Jeannie; January and
98 February - Jim and Loren.

99 Byard said one of the responsibilities of the volunteer is to come up with the meeting agenda
100 rough draft and send it to himself and Emily who will format it for the meeting and public
101 release.

102 Emily reminded people that she is available to help with whatever is needed for the agenda,
103 but to think a bit in advance of our meetings.

104 **4. Nominations for new RECAB members**

105 Byard mentioned there were a few vacant board positions.

106 Byard suggested Steve Hanson and Jason Quinn.

107 Jim suggested Gary Saxton and Sandy Emile.

108 Emily said she feels Gary Saxton would be a great addition to the board.

109 Jim said he feels people who join should believe in conservation and renewable energy.

110 Matt mentioned since the option to hire an outside source to complete the roadmap is off the
111 table that the board should seek out people with expertise in creating roadmaps to fill the
112 vacant positions.

113 Matt Perry said he would be interested in joining.

114 Byard told Matt Perry they will officially approach him to join.

115 Dave suggested Trent Krager from Lifestyle Homes.

116 Loren suggested contacting the Cache Valley Home Builders Association to see if they want
117 to nominate somebody from their group to represent CVHBA on the RECAB board.

118 Byard said if Emily will find a contact for CVHBA he will contact them.

119 Emily mentioned if everybody would keep her updated they could possibly get the names on
120 the Logan City Council agenda at the end of September.

121 Byard said there was an email suggestion to change the mission statement wording.

122 Emily said it was a grammatical change from fully to increasingly.

123 Matt said he felt fully was more of an appropriate word.

124 Byard, Jeannie, Loren, Dave and Jim voted to approve the word change. Matt opposed the
125 change.

126 The next meeting will be held on Friday October 3, 2014

127 Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

128 Minutes submitted by: Amy Anderson