

Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2015

Logan City Environmental Department Class Room

Board Members Present:

Byard Wood, Jim Goodwin, Loren Anderson, Peter Robertson, Matt Perry, Nic Kirkham, Nat Frazer, Jason Quinn, Roger Leonard, Steven Hansen, Jeannie Simmonds

Also in attendance:

Jay Barlow, Jack Greene, Darren Bingham, Craig Petersen, Mark Montgomery, Emily Malik, Amy Anderson

1. Welcome and Introductions

Byard welcomed everyone

Everybody introduced themselves.

2. Acceptance of Agenda/Minutes

Byard proposed to talk about the 2014 RECAB summary rough draft he handed out after agenda item #6.

Jim moved to accept the agenda with the change

Matt seconded.

All present members voted and approved.

Byard said he had some changes to the minutes.

Emily asked to have the changes e-mailed to her and she would send them out for approval via e-mail.

3. Welcome New Board Members/Thank You to past member

Byard welcomed the new members.

Byard mentioned that David Jenkins had resigned.

Byard proposed to send out a formal Thank You certificate to David.

Jeannie moved to send a certificate.

Peter seconded.

4. Vote on Bylaw Changes

Emily handed out an updated by-laws page.

32 Byard said the by-laws can be changed to either minimum of 9 or maximum of 15.

33 Emily said the maximum is currently 12.

34 Loren said he could go either way.

35 Steve said he also could go either way but the board could always stop accepting new
36 members.

37 Peter moved to remove the maximum limit.

38 Steve seconded the motion.

39 All present members voted and approved.

40 **5. RECAB board membership update/election?**

41 Emily said there are still 3 more prospective members.

42 Byard mentioned he would like to review all current members' expertise.

43 Jim said he would like to see a little more diversified members.

44 Jack mentioned looking at Logan City School or Cache County School to help with education.

45 Steve suggested looking at somebody who specializes in outreach or education.

46 Byard suggested a sub committee to look at the short paragraphs for each member.

47 Jim, Byard and Nick volunteered to be on the subcommittee to review the short paragraphs.

48 Emily mentioned the new members will be approved at the next council meeting on January
49 20th.

50 **6. Solar Subcommittee Report**

51 Matt went over the community solar subcommittee report hand out.

52 Jeannie asked Mark if they are still planning on expanding the solar farm.

53 Mark said there are about 30 units that can be sold and if the units are sold fast they will look
54 at expanding.

55 Nat said that future power rates are uncertain for fossil fuels should be listed for a pro
56 because fossil fuels are unpredictable.

57 Matt said it could go on both lists.

58 Jim mentioned that a pro is that people move in and out of town but still have options for solar
59 energy.

60 Steve asked if a resident locks in at a higher rate can the rate be reduced or are they stuck at
61 that high rate.

62 Peter mentioned it is still in the planning stages.

63 Steve said the board may want to look at technology and future rates.

64 Byard said the question before the board is do we urge the Logan City Light and Power to
65 expand and own the farm or encourage citizen ownership in the program.

66 Mayor Petersen said simplicity is the key. The billing software cannot accommodate multiple
67 rates.

68 Peter said the committee was biased towards a community program.

69 Steve asked to have more information about the solar project sent to him so he can
70 understand without wasting meeting time.

71 Emily said she would send Steve info on the solar farm.

72 Loren asked what it would cost to double the solar panels.

73 Mark said roughly \$40,000.

74 Mark mentioned that he is trying to find the person at Rocky Mountain Power who knows
75 about the threshold agreement.

76 Darrin asked if we are able to say that we are not using our hydro and wind fulltime why can
77 we not say that about the solar farm.

78 Mark said you can but it is in the negotiations.

79 Jim mentioned the people have to get involved because if the people leave so will the leaders
80 and their support.

81 Steve motioned to recommend that the city work to have community involvement in the solar
82 farm and home pv.

83 Mayor Petersen mentioned he is actively working with Emily to also include home installation.

84 Jim seconded the motion.

85 All present members voted and approved.

86 Matt said Derrick will not be able to work the subcommittee going forward.

87 Darrin said he would like to replace Derrick.

88 Byard asked Mark to work with the subcommittee to work on a model structure.

89 **7. 2014 RECAB Summary Report**

90 Byard went over the 2014 RECAB summary report handout.

91 **8. Summarize PV discussions and prepare recommendations for City Council and** 92 **input to Roadmap**

93 Jeannie asked when the board wants to present to the Logan City Council.

94 Byard said he would like to finalize at the next meeting.

95 Jeannie said she would try to schedule RECAB to present at the city council meeting on
96 February 17, 2015.

97 Emily said they can still finalize the 2014 summary report in time to get it into the packet for
98 the January 20, 2015 meeting.

99 Byard asked to send any feedback about the 2014 summary report to Emily by January 14,
100 2015.

101 **9. Brainstorm Conservation Agenda**

102 Byard said the next topic will be conservation.

103 Darrin mentioned Massachusetts has banned food waste and saw a large drop in waste. Also
104 San Francisco separates it from garbage and uses it to make compost and sell it back to the
105 community for a fee.

106 Emily said food waste is on the horizon.

107 Emily mentioned she could host a viewing of Dive if the board is interested.

108 Jim said they need to look into ways to help Emily with conservation like Herald Journal
109 articles or handouts.

110 Byard mentioned he would like to add food waste to the road map outline.

111 **10. Open Discussion & February Meeting Agenda**

112 Jack said having Eric from Logan City School District to present what they have done to
113 promote conservation to their employees and students.

114 Jim agreed with Jack.

115 Jeannie said it would be important to review what is already in place before trying to move
116 forward.

117 Emily said she can contact Logan City School District and see if they can present at the next
118 meeting.

119 Peter asked what the board is supposed to be promoting conservation on and the limits.

120 Jim said at the next meeting the board should discuss what direction the board wants to take.

121 Byard asked Emily and Nat to present on what is already being done.

122 Nat suggested having Lexie Cole present instead of himself.

123 Jeannie said she will get with Emily and come up with a direction for conversation.

124 Nat suggested having Emily present next meeting and Lexie in March.

125 Peter handed out survey results titled Your Views on the Environment, Energy and Solar and
126 Wind Development.

127 Emily mentioned the registration is open for the Intermountain Sustainability Summit for
128 March 5th and 6th at Weber State University.

129 **11. Next meeting: February 6, 2015**

130 The next meeting will be held on Friday February 6, 2015

131 Meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.

132 Minutes submitted by: Amy Anderson