

# Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2015

Logan City Environmental Department Class Room

## Board Members Present:

Byard Wood, Peter Robertson, Nicholas Kirkham, Nat Frazer, Jason Quinn, Roger Leonard, Herm Olsen

## Also in attendance:

Emily Malik, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson, Jay Barlow, Peter Brunson, Craig Petersen,

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Byard opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance. All in attendance were introduced.

### 2. Acceptance of agenda/minutes

Minutes and agenda were accepted and approved.

### 3. Recommendation for new members

Byard asked everyone to take a look at the expertise matrix and fill it out while they are at the meeting and to turn them in before they left. The purpose of the matrix is to look at where this board has needs to fill. The expertise matrix worksheet was passed to each member in attendance. Those absent were asked to fill out the expertise matrix via email.

### 4. Solar Recommendation

Peter Robertson addressed the Solar Recommendation. He described Draft RS #4 as proposed by Mark Montgomery of LCL&P and went through the Solar Recommendation drafted by the subcommittee – as included in the packet. It was then opened for discussion.

The purpose of this solar recommendation is so that it can be placed in the council packet on March 17<sup>th</sup> when the RS#4 is also workshopped by council.

Roger asked if RECAB has talked about smart grids and smart inverters to deal with distributed solar as it grows. Peter responded that it is part of continuing to work with UAMPS and that it will be looked at in the future.

Byard noted a mistake in the recommendation. Page two, first bullet point, change kW say kWh to accurately reflect what they are purchasing.

The board discussed the technical merits of our current PV installation.

Byard asked all in attendance to consider bullet point number one. Peter is in favor of acceptance of bullet point number one. Roger moves to accept the recommendation. Nat seconded. Before a vote was taken Byard had a few questions about how the rate is structured and if it is a contract versus a rate. It was clarified that it is a rate, not a contract.

37 Herm asked if the extra funding was dedicated to offset the cost of future solar. It was  
38 determined that this rate is to pay for something that is already paid for, so that it is not  
39 technically extra funding. This discussion led to a discussion about the appropriateness of  
40 the rate. It was found that the rate is appropriate because it pays back the investment  
41 already made. Someone asked how we arrive at 20 years for a steady rate? Peter  
42 responded that it was an extensive calculation done by Mark and Mike Taylor. The Mayor  
43 indicated that he would like to see us develop a catchy name for the program

44 There was discussion about where to put the revenue. Nat suggested that anything above  
45 the \$.09 Cents goes back into the program as a marketing tool. Jason Quinn indicated that  
46 RECAB shouldn't dictate what happens to the funding. RECAB members were reminded that  
47 the extra is to pay for something that already has been paid for. Someone suggested that  
48 perhaps we should indicate that additional revenue goes toward paying for the system when  
49 we market the system

50 Motion to accept the first recommendation (Roger) and seconded (Nat). Passed  
51 unanimously.

52 Second bullet point about UAMPS. Emily gave a brief background about the history of the  
53 discussion about UAMPS and distributed solar. Richard talked about Small module nuclear  
54 reactors and UAMPS focus on that. Peter indicated that UAMPS didn't need to be focused  
55 on large solar, but that the point of this recommendation was to keep focused on protecting  
56 the utility from distributed solar and the issues that might come with that. Byard tends to  
57 support this notion. There was more discussion about Logan City's relationship with UAMPS.  
58 SMRs are a losing battle according to Jason Quinn – Logan shouldn't hitch their wagon to it.  
59 Motion to include the second bullet point in the recommendation? Jason seconded. Passed.  
60 Byard abstained from voting.

61 Bullet points three. Byard did not want to promote the program because this might create a  
62 monopoly. Nat indicated that promote is not the correct word, what would we like to see  
63 them do. Byard would like to remove the recommendation. Herm would like to us support  
64 them in pursuing the program. Herm and Mayor are both pleased with the installation and  
65 outcome. They wanted to see the board go on record as supporting the activity. Vote: 5  
66 voted against. Removed from Recommendation.

67 Final bullet point. Nat asking if it is reasonable to amend final bullet point to include bulk  
68 purchase in the program. Decided that since Logan City is not purchasing it doesn't need to  
69 be on the recommendation. Byard is against the motion because it is nebulous and this  
70 information is going into the road map. Nat would like to change it to indicate it as a high  
71 potential technology, whether than trying to continue to assess. Byard indicated there is no  
72 meat to this statement. Nat indicated that we should continue to assess this statement o  
73 have it say something like: "Continue to look at solar power as an option" No vote was taken  
74 on this item as there was no longer have a quorum.

75 Byard would like to review and send out as a final review before it goes out to council.

## 76 **5. Conservation**

77 This discussion was postponed to our March meeting.

## 78 **6. Open Discussion & March Meeting Agenda**

79 This discussion was postponed to our March meeting.

80 **7. Next meeting: February 6, 2015**

81 The next meeting will be held on Friday March 13, 2015

82 Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

83 Minutes submitted by: Emily Malik