

Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2015

Logan City Environmental Department Class Room

Board Members Present:

Byard Wood, Peter Robertson, Matt Perry, Jim Goodwin, Steve Hansen, Jeannie Simmonds

Also in attendance:

Emily Malik, Jack Greene, Jay Barlow, Peter Brunson, Craig Petersen, Mark Montgomery, Spencer Adams

1. Welcome and Introductions

Byard opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Acceptance of agenda/minutes

Agenda was accepted and approved. Minutes were not discussed

3. Intermountain Sustainability Summit Update

Emily gave an overview of the conference. Peter and Jim attended CPACE and she will come up to speak to RECAB in the future. Jim feels like it is a good sustainability conference. He commented on David Orr and how great of a keynote he was. Jim also commented on CPACE and PACE financing and how important financing is of programs. PACE is not available for residential programs yet. Peter will invite Teresa Pinkle for a future meeting. Jack Greene added his accolades for David Orr and really liked how he indicated that Universities need to work with Cities. Jack suggested that we play the keynote speaker recording at a future RECAB meeting.

Emily will send a link to ISS speakers online.

Byard was impressed with the grassroots from ISS and he liked the focus on food waste at this conference. Byard indicated that a huge amount of energy is wasted in the food cycle. He was also was interested in the number of companies that are starting or have matured in dealing with waste. For example, there is a company that recycles composite material from sports equipment and turns it into building materials. Byard feels like we should help the council and community understand the consequences of not conserving. Jim also indicated that he is glad that we live in Logan with municipal power because he saw Pacificorps projection for renewable and according to Jim, they have their head in the sand. He is glad we aren't restricted to that kind of poor forward thinking future.

Jack indicated that the university is being progressive in handling food waste.

4. Skills Matrix Review & New Member Discussion

The holes in our skills matrix are in the area of public relations and community development (which is really more like planning and zoning). Byard indicated that we should look at the

38 bigger picture to determine if there is a need recommend a change in the structure as we add
39 people to the board in the future.

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5. Solar Update

41 Emily indicated that the solar rate was presented at council the previous week and that it was
42 well received. Jeannie asked how people can sign up. Mark indicated it is on the back page
43 of the resolution that they can call the Light and Power department. Mark asked why we
44 couldn't have sign-ups on the website. Mark indicated he had talked to IS and they will set
45 something up so that we can track first come first serve. The Mayor indicated that he didn't
46 want it to get buried in the website so that no one can find it. We all agreed it best to put it on
47 the home page and so everyone can find it. Individuals can sign up immediately, but rate
48 won't go into effect until July 1, 2015. Many expressed that it will be great to garner interest.
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6. Conservation

51 Emily gave overview of the current programs. There was a lot of discussion regarding
52 incentive programs and their role in the electric utility. Emily suggested that perhaps they
53 aren't the right motivator to get people to make changes in the name of conservation. Mayor
54 wants to see programs that will focus on air conditioning. Byard wants to get people to think
55 about how to plan for replacement. Byard also wants people to understand that conservation
56 is the most cost effective way to have more energy.

57 What can we do in the future?

58 The mayor supports a rebate for Nest thermostats. Questar gas already offers one, but we
59 could try to do something. Emily and the mayor will look into this more in the future.

60 As the meeting concluded, there was a lot of discussion about a contest of some sorts which
61 will be the focus of our meeting in April.

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63 **7. Next meeting: April 3, 2015**

64 Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

65 Minutes submitted by: Emily Malik