

# Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2015

Logan City Environmental Department Class Room

## Board Members Present:

Byard Wood, Jim Goodwin, Loren Anderson, Peter Robertson, Jason Quinn, Steven Hansen, Jeannie Simmonds

## Also in attendance:

Craig Petersen, Mark Montgomery, Emily Malik, Amy Anderson

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Byard welcomed everyone.

### 2. Acceptance of Agenda/Minutes

Jeannie moved to approve the February minutes.

Steve seconded.

All present members voted and approved.

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Steve seconded.

All present members voted and approved.

### 3. Help for Earth Day April 18<sup>th</sup>

Emily asked if anybody would be willing to help for Earth Day on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Jeannie said she could do part of the time.

Jim said he could also help out.

### 4. Recommendations for RECAB membership based on skills/interest/experience matrix

Byard mentioned the matrix looks balanced and he doesn't think it needs to be changed.

### 5. Smart Thermostat Proposal

Mayor Petersen went over the Smart Thermostat Incentive Program handout.

Emily mentioned she reached out to the qualified distributors and heard back from 3.

Emily went over the different models of thermostats.

Mark said he purchased the Ecobee3 and installed it himself in his home.

32 Emily suggested doing a bulk purchase, offering a rebate and free installation.

33 Jeannie said her idea would be to not do a bulk purchase and have the residents bring in a  
34 receipt.

35 Byard asked if it would be possible to do a trial run with 5 homes.

36 Emily said we don't need to do a bulk purchase.

37 Mayor Petersen said he does have a contact at Questar Gas.

38 Mark said he would recommend Ecobee for most homes.

39 Jeannie asked if there was enough money to purchase 100 thermostats.

40 Mark said they do have enough money out of the one percent green energy fund.

41 Emily said they could do an RFP to get an installer for the program.

42 Steve said the installers should give the customer a free evaluation to make sure they can  
43 have a smart thermostat.

44 Peter recommended having Questar and installers come to a meeting or phone in.

45 Emily said she can contact some of the installers to get more information.

46 Mayor Petersen said he would work with Emily and Questar.

47 Byard asked if anybody wants to be on a subcommittee for the Smart Thermostat Program.

48 Peter said he would.

49 Emily said she would work with Peter on the Smart Thermostat Program.

50 Byard volunteered to be on the committee.

51 Mayor Petersen asked Emily to contact Nest for a bulk price.

52 Jeannie asked if the board needs to pick one thermostat.

53 Emily said she doesn't think they need to pick just one.

54 Byard said he will ask Loren to be on the subcommittee and have recommendations for the  
55 board next meeting.

## 56 **6. Conservation Contest**

57 Byard asked what level they want to open up the conservation contest at.

58 Steve said there is only one high school in Logan so starting at elementary schools/6<sup>th</sup> grade  
59 would be a good place to start.

60 Emily mentioned it would be better to have it open to residents of Logan City.

61 Jeannie suggested using science fair projects.

62 Steve suggested doing a community fair similar to a science fair.

63 Emily mentioned it is hard to get into schools with the new core requirements.

64 Peter suggested doing a community contest and opening it up to everyone with prizes to the  
65 top 3.

66 Emily suggested going to the schools and doing a classroom contest that might help/fit into  
67 the core.

68 Peter said they could reward the classes.

69 Steve said Chris Haley is willing to have Utah State University students help monitor.

70 Emily said she will contact teachers and see if they can get into the classes.

71 Jim said the prizes need to entice the students.

72 Jeannie said they need to set-up all the parameters before picking prizes.

73 Emily said the goal is to get the information home.

74 Steve suggested making it a class/team project so it doesn't exclude anybody.

75 **7. Status of RECAB Roadmap**

76 Byard talked about the energy star summary handout.

77 **8. Next meeting: May 1, 2015**

78 Byard asked what is on the agenda for next month.

79 Jeannie said the Smart Thermostat Program.

80 Jim suggested the contest.

81 Byard asked Emily to set up a planning meeting.

82 Jeannie, Steve and Jim volunteered to be on the planning meeting.

83 Emily said she will send a Doodle Poll to set up the planning meeting.

84 The next meeting will be held on Friday May 1, 2015

85 Meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.

86 Minutes submitted by: Amy Anderson