

Renewable Energy and Conservation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting

June 3, 2015

7:30 AM

Board Members Present: Byard Wood, Peter Robertson, Matt Perry, Nat Frazer, Jason Quinn, Herm Olsen, Jeannie Simmonds

Also in Attendance: Emily Malik, Mark Montgomery, Craig Petersen

Board Members Absent: Jim Goodwin, Loren Anderson, Roger Leonard, Steve Hansen

Officers Present: Byard Wood, Chair of RECAB & Emily Malik, acting minute taker.

May's minutes were approved as well as the current meeting agenda.

Agenda Item 3: Nominations for vacant positions & the Student Position

At the previous meeting, a student position had been proposed for consideration by RECAB. Board members discussed concerns regarding a 3 year student position due to their rotating schedule, graduation potential, and internship schedule. It was determined that RECAB should have a student position with possible reappointment for the second and third years.

Action Item: Emily will put the word out on Aggie Careers and in the service office at USU for the Fall semester.

It was determined that we would also reach out to Tess Davis – an individual who previously expressed interest in serving on RECAB – to fill the vacant position on our board.

Action Item: Emily will get a resume from Tess and distribute it. We will hold an electronic vote as there will not be meetings during the next several months.

Agenda Item 4: Thermostat Proposal

Emily prepared a proposal to take to council outlining a new thermostat proposal. She distributed that proposal for review and also indicated some other minor changes to the residential appliance incentive program. All were in support of the thermostat rebate proposal with minor

changes to the language. We will also look into the possibility of cutting a check for the rebate rather than issuing a bill credit as per Mayor Petersen's suggestion. The board took a vote about their preference regarding check v. bill credit. 0 preferred bill credits, 3 preferred checks, and 4 had no preference.

Action Items: Emily will put the revised incentive proposal on council agenda as council business. Mark will follow up with finance to determine their preference on checks v. bill credits.

Agenda Item 5: Conservation Contest

The water department is on board to work with this conservation contest. In previous meetings it was determined that this contest will be launched in September. In Early August, Emily will contact schools asking to speak about energy/water conservation and pass around sign up forms to the students to take home to their parents. The class/school with the most sign-ups will get a pizza party. At the same time, we will launch a PR campaign for this contest to generate buzz in the community. The contest will run January through December. The focus will be on % reduction in use. We will normalize for weather if a clear winner is not present. We will add to the contest rules that the customer must live in their home for the entire year.

We will attempt to do ongoing education with the schools and participants to keep them engaged in the contest. We can use our current power tracking service, Enerlyte, to help increase participant awareness. We can also send packets to each participant that are geared toward helping them learn how to conserve. The subcommittee will meet two or three times in the next several months to help to get ready for the launch of this program.

Action Items: Emily will send a doodle poll to schedule the next several subcommittee meetings as well as to gather interest from RECAB members in those that would like to be involved. EVERYONE will respond to doodle poll if they are interested in working with the subcommittee.

Agenda Item 6: Next Meeting

It was determined that regular meetings will resume on September 4, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 AM
Minutes Submitted By: Emily Malik