

RECAB Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2020

Logan City Environmental Department

Board members present: Amy Anderson, Sarah Klain, Tom Jensen, Zac Cook, Mike Taylor, Drew Michener, Jordy Guth

Board members absent: Andrew Hofmeister, Tyson Godfrey, Ryan DuPont

Others present: Emily Malik, Mark Montgomery, Kat Web, Holly Daines

1. Welcome and rollcall (1 minute)
2. Acceptance of agenda/approval of minutes from September (1 minute):
 - a. Accepted minutes. No agenda additions.
3. Update from Mayor regarding the Utah Climate & Clean Air Compact (10 minutes) – Mayor Daines
 - a. Mayor appreciated that this compact was local, nonpartisan, and ties in air quality and the Utah road map. She chose to join the compact, and council approved joining the compact unanimously.
 - b. Addressed landfill emissions and the potential emissions study.
 - c. Vehicles: We improve our technology all of the time. We are headed toward more electric vehicles as the technology gets there for the bigger vehicles.
 - d. Zac Cook will keep us updated on the F150 truck conversions.
4. Mark Update: We are likely still a little way off to changing a rate to accommodate individuals purchasing more than one share of solar from community solar. He talked about challenges to having a renewable energy rate for large customers and are looking at how they might accommodate something like this still. Update about
5. Battery Project (10 Minutes) – Mike Taylor
 - a. We did get the grant. It will install a battery system and a 25 kw solar on the roof at SOCC – create external utility panel at the adjacent park for emergencies. Chose SOCC because there is a lot of equipment there so that they can do a variety of testing. This battery project is medium size scale (something that hasn't been done before) and would test things that will be interesting for commercial projects along with utilities. There is a lot of opportunity to learn with a project of this size. 2.5 year project.
6. USU Rate Study Update (15 minutes) – Zac/Charles? – see Mark's update above.
7. Board Vacancy (10 minutes) – Emily
 - a. Maybe combine RECAB with Climate Group? Put on next agenda after discussing with the Climate group.
8. Defining 50% RE (15 minutes) – Zac/All
 - a. Define 50% a little bit better using a defined goal of what RE means for the future as Mark moves forward with purchasing power? Are we already at 50%? We should look at our document again and try to discover how many RECs we own and what other communities are doing.
 - b. Mike: We could work to clarify and work to strengthen definitions of older resources. The other way to look at it as meeting “the spirit of” renewable energy.
 - c. Zac: What if we said nameplate is 50% of Renewable Energy and make it easily measurable?

- d. Some questions that we need to answer: Do we recommend that the city receive the REC's? Are we targeting 50% of energy or capacity? And then the % after evaluating those two things. Should we recommend investing in a study to see what additional resources we need or come up with a plan to incorporate more renewables?
 - e. Before next meeting: Spend time looking at what other communities are doing. Distribute the 50% renewable energy document to all the board.
9. Next Meeting & Agenda items (5 minutes) – January 8, 2020
- Rocky Mountain battery incentive.
 - Joining boards
 - Charles
 - Work toward finding out how other communities who have a RE goal are calculating.

Meeting Adjourned 9:13 am

Chat notes:

Some national context on renewable energy commitments:

<https://www.nrdc.org/resources/race-100-clean>