

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Union Large Wind Turbine Study Committee**

**October 20, 2007**

**Meeting called to order at 7:45 a.m. at Village Square Restaurant, Evansville, WI**

Members Present: Cathy Bembinster, Jim Bembinster, Scott McElroy, Sue Pestor, Tom Alisankus, Renee Exum (recording secretary)

Members Absent: Mike Leeder,

Public Present: Linda Kawula, Kendall Schneider, Kim Gruebling, Alvin Francis

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 9/29/07 meeting were corrected. Scott's statement re: Invenergy's website was incorrect. Minutes were corrected to state Invenergy's website references that setbacks are 1 to 4 miles from wind turbines. The Committee approved the minutes from the 10/13/2007 meeting as written.

#### Research Updates:

Scott received a reply from the WI Dept. of Administration ("DOA") in response to his Open Records Request requesting any and all documents that the State used to draft the State Model Ordinance related to health and safety issues. Scott will summarize the information received from DOA for the next meeting. The committee discussed whether to start with the state model ordinance as a template in drafting the Town's ordinance. It was decided to use the state model ordinance together with other model ordinances.

Cathy spoke with Pat Walsh of UW-Extension and requested scientific data regarding health and safety issues. Mr. Walsh referred Cathy to the National Academy of Sciences report dated May 2007. The Town of Stockbridge adopted the report in its ordinance.

Jim has been studying aerodynamic modulation and temperature inversion with a meteorologist.

Cathy spoke with ATC regarding the distribution lines to inquire about the distribution lines in the area.

Research Questions for Questionnaire to be sent to Eco Energy: The committee discussed a list of questions to send to Eco Energy related to health and safety issues. The committee narrowed down the list of questions. The committee will review the revised list of questions at its next meeting. Tom Alisankus agreed to sign the questionnaire cover letter, as chairman, and the completed questionnaire can be returned to him.

New Business: Alvin Francis stated that the small wind energy ordinance has been revised and available for the committee to review if it chooses to. Renee will email the revised small wind energy ordinance to the committee. Renee reported that Marion Tong and Mike Exum have resigned from the committee.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Saturday, October 27, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. at the Village Square Restaurant. At the next meeting the Committee should review and finalize the list of questions to be sent to Eco Energy and determine questions to send to other stakeholders.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

*Renee Exum*

*Committee Recording Secretary*