

MEETING MINUTES

Union Large Wind Turbine Study Committee

October 27, 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, Mike Leeder, Renee Exum (recording secretary)

Members Absent: None

Public Present: Linda Kawula, Kurt Toberman, Kim Gruebling, Marty Johnson

Approval of Minutes: The Committee approved the minutes from the 10/20/2007 meeting as written.

Procedure for Public Comments: Tom Alisankus will draft a procedure for receiving public comments and the Committee meeting.

Research Updates:

Scott submitted an open records request to the PSC and requested any documents regarding health and safety that were used to write the draft model ordinance. Scott informed the Committee that the PSC acknowledged receipt of his request and that the PSC said it would take several weeks to receive the requested documents. Scott will follow up with the PSC in 10 days.

Cathy received materials from the WI Towns Association conference on 10/23/07 concerning a presentation about wind energy ordinances and what towns can do. Cathy will email the handout to the Committee.

Jim suggested the Committee download and read the report "Cellulose Prairie – Biomass Fuel Potential in WI and the Midwest", by Brett Hulsey of Better Environmental Solutions, dated 4/2007. Jim also discussed voltage flicker.

Research Questions for Questionnaire to be sent to Eco Energy: Cathy reorganized the list of questions to be sent to Eco Energy and drafted a cover letter. Mike Leeder suggested questions to add to the list related to electrical health and safety issues. The committee approved the list of questions to Eco Energy with the additional questions suggested by Mike Leeder. Renee will circulate the final list of questions to Tom who will finalize the cover letter and send the questions to Eco Energy.

Research Questions for Questionnaire to be sent to WPPI: The committee discussed questions to ask WPPI regarding health and safety. Cathy suggested reviewing the Draft Report Outline and Discussion Questions by the Coordinating Collaborative for questions. Cathy recommended that the Committee ask for an interconnection study.

Tom suggested looking for some successful wind turbines and find out what makes the project successful with neighbors and productive. Jim explained that the Burrow Valley High School turbine is considered very successful. The school turbine is 2000 feet from the school and the next nearest building is a business at 4000 feet from the turbine.

New Business: Kim Gruebling provided a copy of the attached Town of Casco wind energy ordinance to the committee. Renee will circulate a copy of the Casco ordinance to the committee. Kim also suggested that the Committee contact the Algoma Fire Department concerning equipment and training for wind turbines.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Saturday, November 3, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. at the Village Square Restaurant. At the next meeting the Committee will continue to draft a list of questions to be sent to WPPI and other stakeholders.

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

*Renee Exum
Committee Recording Secretary*