

## MEETING MINUTES

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

**November 17, 2007**

**7:30 a.m. at Village Square Restaurant, Evansville, WI**

Members Present: Cathy Bembinster, Jim Bembinster, Scott McElroy, Sue Pestor  
Members Absent: Tom Alisankus, Mike Leeder, Renee Exum (recording secretary)  
Public Present: Lynda Kawula, Kevin Kawula, Kurt Toberman  
(Meeting notes by Lynda Kawula)

Approval of Minutes: The Committee approved the minutes from the 11/3/2007 meeting as written.

#### Research Updates:

Discussion regarding presentation of research materials. Cathy suggests preparing a journal of all of the research reviewed since May.

Scott discussed the response he received from the WI PSC to his document request for research and information the state used to draft the model ordinance. According to the PCS there are only 3 documents in their files that were utilized – 1) Wind power wildlife; 2) National Wind Coordinating document and 3) Wind Energy committee, 1997. The PSC also stated there were 4 emails in their files that are privileged.

The committee reported that Tom Alisankus mailed out the research questionnaires that the committee developed.

Scott spoke to Professor Matilsky regarding blade and ice throw. Professor Matilsky has prepared an ice and blade throw report for various areas. Discussion regarding whether to request an ice and blade throw report from Professor Matilsky which would cost approximately \$350.

Model Ordinances: The committee discussed differences among the various WI draft ordinances. Versions of the WI draft model ordinance changed between 2003, Feb. 2007 and October 2007 in noise measurements. In the Feb. 2007 and Oct. 2007 drafts, noise levels are measured from the property line. The 2003 draft model ordinance measures noise levels from a residence. To get to a 45 dba is generally ¼ of a mile.

The committee discussed what to include in the wind ordinance. Scott has been reviewing the WI draft model wind ordinance reference guide and various ordinances. The Committee should read the ordinances compiled and be prepared to identify what to include in the town's ordinance so that the committee can begin drafting a town ordinance in mid-December. Members should get their talking points to Scott.

Renee prepared a summary spreadsheet of various wind ordinances that Cathy handed out to the committee to assist with the ordinance review.

New Business: Kevin Kawula gave a presentation and update on alternate renewable energy.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Saturday, November 24, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. at the Village Square Restaurant.

*Renee Exum  
Committee Recording Secretary*