

Renewable Energy & Energy Conservation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2011

Logan City Environmental Department Class Room

Board Members Present: Holly Daines, Dean Quayle, Richard Anderson, Greg Rowley, Jim Goodwin, Bob Carpenter, Robert Davies, Byard Wood

Also in attendance: Mayor Randy Watts, Issa Hamud, Erick Griffiths, Paul Taylor, Emily Malik, Chris Niemann

A. Mayor Watts

Mayor Watts was present at the meeting to discuss the changes happening in the Light and Power Department. He indicated that Jeff White had resigned from his position and that it was a mutual agreement due to the fact that Mayor Watts and Jeff White did not see eye to eye on the future of Logan City Light and Power. Mayor Watts noted that Jeff did many positive things for the Light and Power Department.

Mayor Watts also discussed the future of the Porcupine Dam project. He noted that the system was not built correctly in the first place and it would take quite a bit of effort and money to get the system operational. He feels that we should instead look at what we already own and is already working. He feels like it is best to put Porcupine project on hold and focus on Hydro 3 restoration. Hydro 3 will be evaluated and upgraded to larger capacity in the new budget year. Porcupine will still go through with some of the permitting process, but will not go forward with building.

Mayor Watts discussed alternative energy as well. He indicated that the algae project is still moving along even if we do not use the fuel in the near future. He feels like a solar farm is a good idea and noted that he would rather have solar in a collective location than on individual homes due to aesthetics. He felt like the location that Jeff had settled on (near the fire station that is under construction) is too small and too close to the golf course. He feels like alternative locations, near the landfill or sewage lagoons, should be looked into.

Mayor Watts then opened the discussion to board members. He was asked more about the solar farm. Through the discussion, it was clear that the board felt like the solar farm should be located in a visible area where educational tours can take place. They also would like getting the solar farm up and running to be a priority because we have been talking about it for so long. It was determined that a subcommittee should tour some potential sites (landfill buffer zone, lagoons, fire station, sub station). That committee will consist of Jim, Issa, Byard, Chris, Bob, Erick, Holly, and Emily. Emily will arrange for the tour.

Holly indicated that she would like the board to come up with a list of qualifications for the mayor to consider for a new director. Mayor Watts agreed to look at the list.

Greg Rowley shared information about a solar hot water farm that he had looked into for a Gossner plant in California. Although it was determined that solar thermal is not possible with the panels we have already purchased, it is something to look into in the future.

B. Acceptance of Minutes/Agenda

The minutes were approved and agenda accepted.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Emily Malik/Erick Griffiths