



MINUTES
ENERGY ACTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020 – 9:00AM
VIRTUAL MEETING

Draft Minutes Pending Committee Approval

The Energy Action Commission met virtually.

Present: Dave Henrichs (County Board Supervisor), Natalia Minkel-Dumit (County Board Supervisor), Joe Hicks (Administration Center Building Superintendent), Gerard Behlen (Justice Center Building Superintendent), Jay McMahan (Finance Director), Jon Edgren (Public Works Director), Monte Hale (Lasata Senior Living Campus Maintenance Supervisor), Andrew Struck (Planning & Parks Director), Joy Neilson-Loomis (Transit Superintendent), Karina Ward (Community Extension Educator), Andy Holschbach (Land & Water Management Director) (9:23AM)

Others Present: Warren Guettel (Construction Superintendent), Matthew Uselding (DOA Intern), Jason Wittek (Policy & Budget Analyst), Jason Dzwinel (County Administrator), Julie Winkelhorst (County Clerk), Tyler Quaas (Deputy County Clerk)

Absent: Tom Dragotta (Focus on Energy)

Proper Notice: Mr. Edgren called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. The meeting was noticed as required.

Elect Chairperson of the Energy Action Commission: Mr. Edgren nominated Ms. Neilson-Loomis. Motion made by Mr. Behlen, seconded by Mr. Struck that a unanimous ballot be cast for the election of Ms. Neilson-Loomis as Chairperson. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried. Ms. Neilson-Loomis was declared elected.

Ms. Neilson-Loomis assumed the chair.

Public Comment: Mr. Wittek and Mr. Uselding read the public comments that were submitted online prior to the meeting. Nathaniel Kojis, Sophie Kojis, Jane Hockerman, Beverly Lechtenberg, Janice Boyer, Paul Schreiber, Kris Rausch, Louise Schreiber, Marana Armstrong, Asa Armstrong, Jennifer Jahn, Marsha Armstrong, David Lechtenberg, Aaron Armstrong, Ryan McDermott, Mark Flintrop, James Drzewiecki, and Keith Flintrop submitted public comment in opposition to the proposed Solar Now Pilot Program at Mee-Kwon County Park.

9:23AM Andy Holschbach in attendance.

Approval of Minutes from the December 17, 2019 Meeting: Motion made by Mr. Holschbach, seconded by Mr. Edgren to approve the December 17, 2019 minutes as submitted. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voting aye, motion carried. (11-0)

Review/Consider Recommendation to the Public Works Committee to Approve the Participation in the Solar Now Pilot Program: Mr. Wittek and Mr. Struck reviewed the details of the potential project at Mee-Kwon Park. Discussion on how this site was chosen as well as other possible alternative uses for the site in the future if this plan was not implemented. Further discussion regarding the concerns expressed by the public as well as possible alternative site locations. Motion made by Mr. Edgren, seconded by Mr. Behlen to recommend to the Public Works Committee to approve participation in the Solar Now Pilot Program, site not specific. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voting aye, motion carried. (11-0)

2019 Energy Use Summary – 2020 Update: Mr. Uselding presented the summary. Tracking shows an energy cost reduction thus far in 2020 for Ozaukee County, which can be attributed to various factors. Discussion regarding possible weather affects to energy consumption.

Project Updates: Chairperson Neilson-Loomis informed the Commission that the Transit Department received a \$76,000 grant to convert six mini-buses to hybrid vehicles. Mr. Behlen stated that the exterior lighting project has been completed at the Justice Center. Mr. Hicks was able to replace all of the toilets in

the Administration Building to reduce water consumption. Mr. Struck stated that old fluorescent lights were being replaced at various parks around the county.

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively scheduled for November, a date will be determined by the Commission members at a later time.

Adjournment: Motion made by Mr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. Henrichs to adjourn, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33AM

Tyler Quaas, Deputy County Clerk