

MINUTES
RURAL MN ENERGY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY June 2, 2014
Henderson Haus, Henderson MN

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blue Earth County	Will Purvis	Mower County	Tim Gabrielson
Brown County	absent	Murray County	Gerald Magnus
Cottonwood County...	John Oeltjenbruns	Nobles County	excused
Faribault County	excused	Pipestone County	excused
Freeborn County	Glen Mathiason	Redwood County	John Schueller
Jackson County.....	Excused	Renville County	Bob Fox
Lincoln County	Excused	Rock County.....	Ken Hoime
Lyon County	Steve Ritter	Sibley County.....	Jim Nytes
Martin County	Steve Flohrs	Watonwan County ...	Scott Sanders

ALSO PRESENT: Annette Bair (SRDC).

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Purvis asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

INTRODUCTIONS: No introductions were needed

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

M/S/P Gabrielson, Mathiason to approve the agenda

MINUTES:

M/S/P Sanders, Fox to approve the Minutes of March 31 with one correction, Scott Sanders was present.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Chairman Purvis directed the RMEB members to the financial report and bills for review and discussion. The two bills for payment were from the SRDC for: March \$1160 and April \$1095.

M/S/P Oeltejenbruns, Hoime to approve the financial report and approve payment of the bills as presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS & RMEB BUSINESS

Executive Committee. Chairman Purvis reported the Executive Committee discussed via email the preliminary dues for County budgeting. Due to the unknowns related to the expenses of the PACE administration, the Executive Committee recommends setting the 2015 preliminary budget at \$1000 to be readdressed at the November meeting.

Legislative Committee. Magnus reported at that at the AMC District meeting, there was no knowledge of solar legislation. Bair will be in communication with Dan Juhl to ask if he will join the RMEB at their July meeting (either in person or via phone).

Note –following the meeting, Magnus found AMC identified that the solar legislation had passed. chapter 308, HF 3167 pages 2 and 8

PACE. Committee members reported the first loan is in the process; the committee is anticipated to meet in June. Members asked if the decision needs to come to the RMEB for Approval, answer, no the PACE Committee will be making that decision. Bair also indicated that we have recently received notice of a McKnight grant that will assist in funding outreach for the PACE program; until now, SW CERT has been funding the outreach. The updated brochure was distributed – revision to 20% of the assessed property value (or \$100,000), instead of 10% to reflect recent legislation.

MEMBER COUNTY UPDATES

- Sibley County Windfarm – bat study; Gaylord community solar of less than 1 MW on 4 acres of the industrial park.
- Blue Earth – Rapidan Dam received funding through the bonding bill
- Rock – Geronimo has built the maintenance facility at Hardwick
- Cottonwood – Odel wind
- Mower County – the wind farm is moving forward.
- Martin County – ITC Line Process, testifying before the ALJ to determine what routes to study
- Renville – CAPX2020 line from where the RMEB toured is running (toward the cities)

SW CERT UPDATE Bair reported on LED Lighting in Russell and Slayton; LED Lighting campaigns (Turkey and gas stations); anticipate November / fall workshop in Martin County regarding hog barn lighting and fan efficiency. CERT Conference will be in 2015

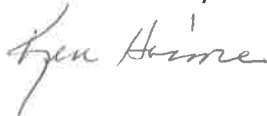
MEETING DATES: 2014 meeting dates July 28, September 22, November 24

ADJOURN: There was no more business, the meeting adjourned at 2:005 pm.

Minutes Prepared By Annette Bair, Staff.

Minutes Reviewed By:

Energy Board Secretary



Minutes Approved By:

Energy Board Chairperson

