

MINUTES

RURAL MN ENERGY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday April 29, 2009, 1:30 P.M.

Governor's Room 1, Crown Plaza, St. Paul Riverfront,
11 E. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55105

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blue Earth County	Will Purvis	Mower County	Absent
.....	Mark Peipho	Murray County	Kevin Vickerman
Chippewa County	Jeffrey Lopez	Nobles	Diane Thier
.....	Jim Dahlvang	David Benson
Cottonwood County ...	John Oeltjenbruns	Pipestone County	Marvin
Tinklenberg			
Faribault County.	Tom Warmka	Jim Keys
.....	Butch Erichsrud	Redwood County	John Schueller
Jackson County.....	Roger Ringkob	Lon Walling
Lincoln County	Larry Hansen	Renville County	Bob Fox
.....	Donald Evers	Rock County	Absent
Lyon County	Steve Ritter	Watonwan County.....	Scott Sanders
Martin County	Jack Potter	Yellow Medicine Co ..	Jane Remiger

RMEB Staff: Jay Trusty, SRDC Executive Director

ALSO PRESENT: John Giese (Murray Co), Vern Leistico (Nobles Co), Paul Setzepfandt (Renville Co), Bob Fenske (Lyon Co), Dean Shuck (Kandiyohi Co), Dennis Peterson (Kandiyohi Co), Jake Gillen (Rice County), Ryan O'Connor (AMC Energy Analyst), Tom Egan (Dakota Co), Jim Berg (Brown Co), Judy Hanson (Nicollet Co), Dick Hanson (Swift Co), Cheryal Lee Hills (Region Five Development Commission), Charlie Woehler (Sibley Co), Deborah Dove (Brown Co), Dennis Potter (Brown Co), Joel Ullring (Wadena Co), Dave Schermerhorn (Wadena Co), Brian Napstad (Aitkin Co), Gene VanBingsgergen (Chippewa Co), Gary Johnson (Yellow Medicine Co), Marlin Larson (Renville Co), Phil Nelson (Lyon Co), Christopher Shoff (Freeborn Co), Angela Krish (Mower Co), Tim White (Cottonwood Co), Norm Holmen (Cottonwood Co), Mark Rentz (Watonwan Co).

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. He welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

ANNOUCEMENTS: There were no announcements

INTRODUCTIONS: Chairman Fox asked those present to introduce themselves.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/APPROVAL: - Agenda approved as written.

RURAL - METRO PROJECT (JOINT WIND INITIATIVE):

Staff Trusty began by giving a brief history of the RMEB and the joint project with the MEPC. He then discussed the changes in the proposed plan since the last RMEB meeting, with Project Engineer Doug Maust being approached by the Met Council to do a grant for Metropolitan Transit that could be used as the equity injection that had previously been discussed as having had to come from a private equity partner.

Trusty then informed the RMEB that he and Chair Fox and Maust had attended a Lyon County Board Meeting where the Lyon County Board of Commissioners had voted in favor of being the host for the project, assuming all of the regulatory issues can be met. Discussion at the Lyon County Board brought up that perhaps an old gravel pit site that is also County owned would be more advantageous to this project. Lyon County staff and the consultants are looking at this option.

There was then discussion as to who was in and who was out. Yellow Medicine, Chippewa, and Renville Counties are on Board. Rock and Jackson have voted no. There was much discussion about the availability of a pro forma that would show return on investment. The consultants are working on it but it was not available for the meeting. Many counties continue to be on the fence about the project largely because they have not yet seen the pro forma.

Chair Fox and Staff Trusty answered questions as best they could; given the information currently available. Many of the questions dealt with the upcoming pro forma and what the return would be and when the counties would see a return, etc.

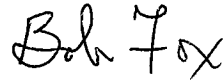
ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Fox at 2:45 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By Jay Trusty, Staff.

Minutes Reviewed By:

Energy Board Secretary

Minutes Approved By:



Energy Board Chairperson