

**MINUTES**  
**RURAL MN ENERGY BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY June 3, 2013 @ about 1:00 pm**  
**BECKERS RESORT, LAKE BENTON, MN**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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| Blue Earth County ..... | Will Purvis   | Mower County .....    | Tim Gabrielson  |
| Brown County .....      | Dennis Potter | Murray County .....   | Gerald Magnus   |
| Cottonwood County...    | excused       | Nobles County.....    | Gene Metz       |
| Faribault County .....  | excused       | Pipestone County..... | William Johnson |
| Freeborn County .....   | absent        | Redwood County .....  | excused         |
| Jackson County.....     | excused       | Renville County ..... | Bob Fox         |
| Lincoln County .....    | Larry Hansen  | Rock County.....      | Ken Hoime       |
| .....                   | Donald Evers  | Sibley County .....   | Jim Nytes       |
| Lyon County .....       | Steve Ritter  | Watonwan County ..... | excused         |
| Martin County .....     | Steve Flohrs  |                       |                 |

**ALSO PRESENT:** Annette Bair, Staff; Jay Trusty (SRDC Executive Director), Don Linssen (Nobles Co.), Andrew Lockner (Brown Co.), Luke Johnson (Pipestone Co.), John Giese (Murray Co.), Dave Thiner(Murray Co.), Michele Stindtman (Faribault Co. Zoning).

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m. by Vice Chair Purvis

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Vice Chair Purvis asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Vice Chairman Purvis asked everyone present to introduce themselves

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** REAP letters, bus payment, additional meals, and Potter expense were added to the agenda

**M/S/P** Hoime / Flohrs to approve the agenda as amended.

**MINUTES:**

**M/S/P** Ritter, Magnus to approve the minutes of March 25, 2013.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Treasurer Hansen reviewed the financial report. Treasurer Hansen identified the pending bills: SRDC for March \$1210, April \$240, and May \$955; \$21.50 June 3<sup>rd</sup> tour refreshments to D Potter; Minnesota Bus, up to \$1094 for the bus June 3; and five meals at Beckers \$52.10 (We were required to have a specific number of meals ordered, numbers were based on counts provided by counties, we were short by 5 people).

**M/S/P** Metz, Fox to approve the financial report and payment of bills and expenses.

**JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT.**

M/S/P Ritter, Fox to approve Joint Powers Agreement language change reflecting the withdrawal of Yellow Medicine County and changing the county membership from 19 to 18 on page one of the document.

**PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) UPDATE:** Jay Trusty provided an update on the status of the Pilot PACE project and what additional steps need to be taken to set the program up and potential options.

- We had been waiting on forms from the Department of Commerce, who have now decided they should not set what the forms should say. The City of Edina forms will be used as a template.
- A pre-application has been sent to East River Energy and they want additional information, including a business plan.
- Trusty will be meeting with DOC later this month regarding some of the things regarding PACE.
- Trusty continues to try to meet with GRE to see if they would be willing to have a contribution to the PACE project similar to East River.
- It is anticipated the PACE project will be up and running late this summer - August would be a target.
- What also needs to be worked out? Admin Costs (for the counties) and a Loan Committee
- What kind of participation do you see of the RMEB? Response – we would like a five to seven member Loan Committee from the RMEB.

**LEGISLATIVE.** No legislative committee meetings to report

- CERT was funded out of the RDF fund.
- Levy Limits. There are levy limits, how do they affect the production tax? When we find out more, information will be sent out.

**MEMBER UPDATES:**

- Sibley County – Nytes – CAPX2020 have moved out of the Gaylord site. Expect to have 13 turbines in operation by fall 2013.
- Blue Earth County – Purvis reported the turbine this morning was much bigger than the one at the Rapidan Dam. The tour was very informative.
- Renville County – Fox report CAPX2020 is not done with the poles, and they have put in two substations. Norfolk Wind is looking to put in turbines that will produce hydrogen – to – anhydrous ammonia (like Morris)
- Rock County – Hoime reported that the Geronimo wind will have their servicing station at Hardwick and will employ between 20-30.

**OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS**

Four REAP Letters. Bair reviewed the information from the four REAP Grant applicants applying for energy efficiency, solar, gasification, lighting. M/S/P Fox, Ritter  
CERT, 5 Projects – moving forward

- PACE
- Community Energy – Springfield is looking at solar
- Education – CERT has met with the Springfield YES! Team.
- Mobile Renewable – Slayton and Pipestone are looking into Solar for outdoor pools.
- Energy on the Farm

**NEW BUSINESS**

Dues discussion. This will be deferred to the July 19th meeting.

**MEETING DATES** – 2013 meetings , July 19 Slayton solar tour & meeting, September 23 guest speaker tentative Heating the Midwest, November 25.

**ADJOURN.**

M/S/P Ritter, Hansen at 1:22 pm

Minutes Prepared By Annette Bair, Staff.

Minutes Reviewed By:

Minutes Approved By:

Energy Board Secretary

Energy Board Chairperson