

RURAL MN ENERGY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY September 12, 2016 1:30 p.m.
Pizza Ranch, Redwood Falls, MN

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Blue Earth County ... Will Purvis	Mower County excused
Brown County excused	Murray County Gerald Magnus
Cottonwood Co Tom Appel	Nobles County Gene Metz
Faribault County excused	Pipestone County ... Dan Wildermuth
Freeborn County Glen Mathiason	Redwood County ... Sharon Hollatz
Jackson County David Henkels	Renville County ... Bob Fox
Lincoln County Mic VanDeVere	Rock County Ken Hoime
Lyon County Steve Ritter	Sibley County Gary Kruggel
Martin County Steve Flohrs	Watsonwan County . excused

ALSO PRESENT: Robin Weis (SRDC) and Annette Fiedler (SRDC – RMEB staff).

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Mathiason.

AGENDA: The Minutes were deferred to the November meeting.

M/S/P: VanDeVere, Wildermuth to approve the agenda as modified.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer Henkels reviewed the financial report, after payment of pending bills, there will be \$133,073.79. The following bills will submitted for board review and approval. \$1,050 SRDC; 702 PACE; 2040 PACE Outreach; \$649.72 Lobbyist.

M/S/P: Wildermuth, Metz to approve the financial report and payment of bills.

RMEB SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Executive committee needs to meet before the November meeting to develop the CY 2017 budget; they will also review the Policies document for recommendation at the November meeting.

PACE. Weis reported there have been 10 PACE loans, 11 Energy audits through the USDA grant and 6 energy audits through the CERT Seed grant. Outreach continues. Another resource if a business is not interested in PACE financing is RETAP for an energy assessment.

Legislative. It was suggested that Chris Kunkle from WOW be invited to discuss legislative issues.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Weis asked if any of the Units of government have incentives for installing solar. Commissioners also asked if anyone knew of incentives to help units of government install renewable energy. Commissioner asked if there are any tax incentives for units of government, other than rebates.

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 28; please bring calendars for CY 2017 meeting dates.

ADJOURN:

M/S/P: Ritter, Hoime to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 pm.

Minutes Prepared By Annette Fiedler, Staff.



Minutes Reviewed By
Energy Board Secretary



Minutes Approved By
Energy Board Chairperson