

Ad Hoc Community and Public Works Planning Committee (CAPP)
Alternative Energy Committee (AEC)
October 9, 2009

Members present: Larry Bean, Chair; Alan Fischlowitz, Vice Chair; and Burke Henry.
Members absent: Carl Frederickson and Mark Eggleston
Also present:

The Alternative Energy Committee called to order by Chair L. Bean on Wednesday, October 9, 2009 at 10:00 am at the Town Hall. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in the members listed above.

1. Review and approval of the following AEC minutes:

A. September 23, 2009

Page 2 Item 4: strike “to operate the SODAR at Big Bay State Park (BBSP) at no cost through January” and replace with “agrees to extend his data analysis contract through January at no increase in cost”

Page 2 Item 4 second sentence: Strike “the higher you go the wind speed increases dramatically” and replace with “there is not a large increase in wind speed as you go higher”.

Motion by A. Fischlowitz to approve the September 23, 2009 AEC minutes as corrected, second, B. Henry. All in favor, 3 ayes. Motion carried.

2. Budget Review and Funding discussion.

Windustry was awarded a \$200,000 grant and included in this grant is our project as well as two projects in Montana and one in Virginia. L. Bean put only the description of the work that is going to be done under the grant by Windustry in committee packets; the entire application is in the vault.

We are to receive \$35,000 from the Windustry grant to do the ownership model. L. Bean would like to find out if there is an overlap of work between this \$35,000 award and the \$50,000 Development Grant with WI Focus on Energy we have applied for.

\$45,000 is also included in the \$200,000 Windustry grant to hire a team of community wind energy professionals to help the four grantees move ahead with their projects.

Windustry will be working in our behalf from now on.

Windustry has to come up with a \$200,000 match before they can receive this grant. L. Bean said he talked to Samantha Smart, project coordinator for Windustry and suggested that perhaps we could provide some of that match since we are applying for a Development grant from WI Focus on Energy for \$50,000 which requires a match as well. Lisa Daniels is the project director of Windustry.

When in Madison B. Henry will meet with Excel Energy and request \$10,000 which is the amount we are short, assuming we receive the \$10,000 from Focus on Energy we have applied for.

L. Bean said he mailed Shelly Laffin, WI Focus on Energy, all the information she requested. She also wanted a letter from Bob Owen, Consulting Engineer and Meteorologist which would answer why we are moving the site to the north end. Bob has

sent his response. L. Bean also contacted Juhl Wind and they provided Shelly with a letter as well regarding the move to the north end site.

L. Bean will contact Larry Hildebrandt, Ashland County Zoning Administrator in regards to the north end site.

3. Site discussion.

Letters have been received from Arnie and Ronnie Nelson, north end landowners. The tower would be placed on Ronnie Nelson's land. A letter from the Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve (MIWP) is not required as the turbines do not have to be on MIWP land but it would be good to have on file. A. Fischlowitz will call Laurel Lein, MIWP. Clearance for the met tower has been received from the Bureau of Aeronautics, Federal Aviation Agency. Another clearance will be required for the tower.

In regards to anchoring the met tower on sandy soil – L. Bean said Nathan Hilder, contact at Bad River, wants to be part of the Regional Wind Consortium. 7th Gen said one of the four turbines they put up at Bad River was in sandy soil and anchored by chunks of concrete. L. Bean talked to Steve Haecker at the Great Lakes Visitors Center. Steve has an application in with WI Focus on Energy for a met tower at the Visitors Center and he wants to lease a tower from Bad River. If the tower Steve leases is the one with the cement anchors, and since the tower at the Visitors Center would not require cement anchors since the soil would support screw type anchors, we would be able to use the cement anchors for our tower. L. Bean said Nathan Hilder is fine with that arrangement. L. Bean said he received a call from Outland Energy who might have access to tax free funds that we might qualify for but at this time the allocation for Wisconsin is used up.

4. Review of correspondence.

L. Bean filled out the questionnaire regarding a civil rights/anti-discrimination from the USDA regarding the \$200,000 Windustry grant. Barb Nelson, Administrative Assistant sent the questionnaire in. L. Bean also talked to Windustry about the questionnaire.

5. Discussion of Madison trip and meetings 10/13/09 – 10/15/09

First stop for L. Bean and B. Henry will be in Stevens Point to give a 5 minute presentation as requested by WI Towns Association in regards to how our eco community is working towards sustainability.

Copies of the interim report Barb Nelson printed out will be presented to the DNR, Senator Jauch and the Office of Energy Independence to show them what we have done. On Wednesday L. Bean, B. Henry and Sara Barry from Senator Jauch's office will meet with the DNR. Steve Miller, Director of Facilities and Lands will not be there. We need to ask the DNR what permits are required in regards to birds and bats as we will need to fill out an Environmental Impact statement.

B. Henry will meet with Excel Energy and request funds.

L. Bean and B. Henry will meet with 7th Gen to discuss future requirements as well as moving the tower. 7th Gen are developers and they install towers with turbines so they could give us some insight into the process.

6. Set next meeting and agenda.

We are supposed to hear about the \$10,000 we applied for from WI Focus on Energy by the end of October. A tentative date is set for October 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

7. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn by A. Fischlowitz, second, B. Henry. All in favor, 3 ayes, MC

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Kathy Erickson, Clerical Assistant.

Minutes approved as presented December 14, 2009