

LEE COUNTY RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

Special Meeting

Monday, November 1, 2021, at 10:00 AM

County Board Room
Old Lee County Courthouse, Dixon, Illinois

Zoom Video- & Tele-conferencing

Meeting ID: 828 7215 0974

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Appointed Committee Members

Chris Norberg – Chair
Marilyn Shippert
Tom Kitson
Katie White
Tom Wilson
Danielle Allen

Advisory Members

Dee Duffy, Zoning Administrator
Alice Henkel, Renewable Energy Coordinator/Clerk
Charley Boonstra, State's Attorney (via ZOOM)

At 10:00AM, Chair Chris Norberg called the meeting to order.

Chair Norberg called for roll call of members of the committee and county staff.

Appointed Members present: Norberg, Shippert, Kitson, Wilson, Allen

Appointed Members absent: White

Advisory Members present: Duffy, Henkel

Advisory Members absent: None

The following visitors were present:

Len Saunders, Business Agent with Carpenter's Local 790
Danelle Burrs, Lee County Farm Bureau
Emily Pratt, Lee County Farm Bureau
Dave Bally, Lee County Board Member
Keane Hudson, Lee County Board Member
John Nicholson, Lee County Board Member
Dave Anderson, Lee County Engineer
Stephen Hall, Ameresco (via ZOOM)
Margaret Brechon, Interested Party

Emily Skill, Enel
Ben Sych, Enel
Anthony Neve, Recall Strategies

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the October 19, 2021, meeting. Minutes were approved as written.

The first order of old business was a discussion regarding solar energy systems.

Danelle Burrs with the Lee County Farm Bureau presented proposed amendments to the large-scale Solar Energy Systems (“SES”) ordinance regarding fencing, screening and the visual screening option.

The Committee discussed residential solar and what requirements they would like to see in an ordinance. A draft ordinance will be prepared for the Committee to review at the next meeting.

The next order of old business was a discussion regarding pipelines. Lee County Engineer Dave Anderson and Steven Hall from Ameresco participated in the discussion. A draft ordinance will be prepared for the Committee to review at the next meeting. An ordinance will also be needed for the facility that will purify the methane from the landfill into a renewable natural gas.

The next order of old business was a discussion regarding battery energy storage systems (“BESS”). Emily Skill from Enel was present and offered resources for developing a BESS ordinance. There is currently a moratorium on BESS to allow the County time to develop an adequate ordinance.

The last order of old business was a discussion regarding the wind energy conversion system (“WECS”) ordinance. While this ordinance does need some updating, this Committee will not be addressing those updates until the solar energy system, pipeline/RNG facility and BESS ordinances have been completed.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of a moratorium on wind and solar projects.

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 2, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

At 11:15 a.m., Tom Kitson made a motion to adjourn. A second was discerned and there was no debate. A vote was taken, and all were in favor. Motion passed, 5-0.

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Respectfully submitted,

Alice Henkel