

# **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

Password: 797986

### **YouTube**

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TB\\_0sH\\_leK8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TB_0sH_leK8)**

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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.

*Live feed can be viewed on **YouTube** at [Lee County Renewable Energy Committee – 11/01/21](#).*

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Henkel