

LEE COUNTY RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

Ad Hoc Meeting

April 7, 2022, at 8:00 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=ZmB-BpZ0TzQ>

Appointed Committee Members

Chris Norberg – Chair
Marilyn Shippert
Tom Kitson
Tom Wilson
Danielle Allen
Dave Bally
Bob Olson

Advisory Members

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

At 9:00 AM, Acting Chair Tom Kitson called the meeting to order.

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

Appointed Members present: Norberg, Shippert, Allen (via ZOOM)

Appointed Members absent: Kitson, Wilson, Bally, Olson

Acting Member for 4/7/2022: Rick Humphrey

Advisory Members present: Duffy, Henkel

Advisory Members absent: Boonstra

The following visitors were present:

Len Saunders, Jr., Business Agent with Carpenter's Local 790

Martha Johannson, Interested Party

Chris Henkel, Independent Consultant

Will Hantzmon, Associate Development Manager at Hexagon Energy

Scott Reamer, Director of Development at Hexagon Energy (via ZOOM)

Anthony Neve, Recall Strategies

Christian Johnson, Illinois Land and Liberty Coalition Field Operations Director

John Nicholson, Lee County Board Member

The next order of business was the approval of the minutes for the March 3, 2022 meeting. Ms. Shippert disagreed with the ending time stated in the minutes because she didn't believe the meeting

had taken that long. Other than that correction, the minutes stand as written. *Review of the YouTube link shows that the March 3, 2022 meeting lasted 10 minutes and 34 seconds. Ending time should state approximately 9:10 a.m.*

There were no comments from any visitors present.

Under old business was an update on the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with the City of Amboy with regard to the proposed biogas facility. Ms. Henkel explained that as of the March meeting of the Lee County Board, the Board authorized the Board Chair to sign the MOU on behalf of the County Board once it is ready. The MOU has been reviewed by both the State’s Attorney and the attorney for the City of Amboy and they are working to resolve one remaining issue.

The next order of old business was the pipeline ordinance discussion. As part of developing a pipeline ordinance, the County will be putting out a survey to get the public’s opinion on the matter up front. Chastain & Associates, LLC (“Chastain”) prepared several survey questions that the committee reviewed. The committee approved the proposed questions and asked that one more be added that asked how close the person taking the survey lives to a municipality. Ms. Henkel will report this addition to Chastain.

Chair Norberg discussed the possibility of extending the moratoriums on wind and solar. As the moratoriums are due to expire in June 2022 and the County has only recently hired Chastain to assist with the ordinance drafting, it is unlikely that that will be accomplished prior to June. Therefore, a three-to-six-month extension is likely.

Scott Reamer, Associate Development Manager at Hexagon Energy, stated their support of the extension and the effort of Lee County to further strengthen its solar ordinance.

Chastain will be preparing similar surveys for the wind, solar, and battery energy storage systems to be sent out over the next several months. The committee would rather combine the remaining topics into one survey in an effort to keep the ordinance revision process going. Ms. Henkel will report this change to Chastain.

There was no other old business.

There was no new business.

There was no other business.

There was no executive session.

At 9:25 a.m., Marilyn Shippert made a motion to adjourn.

*Live feed can be viewed on **YouTube** at [Lee County Renewable Energy Committee – 04/07/22](#).*

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Henkel