

**Town of La Pointe
Energy Committee
November 4, 2019**

Members present: Zach Montagne, Nick Montano, Glenn Carlson, Robin Trinko-Russell and
Larry Bean via speaker phone
Public present: Jim Peters
Laura Malwitz - Siemens
Public present via Speakerphone: Lauren Azar
Travis Steinmetz and David Golfelto - Siemens
Deb Erwin – Xcel Energy

1. Call to order/Roll Call

The Energy Committee meeting was called to order by Zach Montagne, Vice-Chair on Monday November 4, 2019 at 10:01 am.

A quorum of the committee is present as shown by members listed above.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Minutes of the following Energy Committee meeting to be considered for approval:

A. August 27, 2019

Motion by Glenn, second by Zach to approve the August 27, 2019 Energy Committee minutes as corrected. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

4. Siemens Presentation: “Options for Island Micro Grid Development”

Laura presented information on Siemens Exploratory Phase findings focusing on two options:

- Nano-Grid for On-Site Resiliency at Multiple Sites (Airport/Sanitary and Fire Hall/Landfill)
 - Siemens estimated these two sites would be approximately \$1.2 million +/- 20%
- Micro-Grid for Total Island Resiliency
 - General discussion on acreage needed, location of micro-grid, regulatory challenges.

Discussion on Xcel’s time of use program, net metering tariff and other tariff options.

Discussion on connecting Nano-grids and making current solar supplied municipal sites resilient.

Laura will send a draft Project Development Agreement for the committee to review.

Motion by Zach, second by Glenn to move to agenda item 6.

5. Near term Grant Opportunities

Larry talked about several available grant opportunities including:

- Focus on Energy RECIP (Renewable Energy Competitive Incentive Program) with a deadline of November 22nd. Larry suggests we apply for the ballasted racking system at the old landfill site and Sanitary District/SRE area at the airport. We have applied in the past and were granted the money but turned down the

funds because of the Town's financial status at that time. You can turn down the grant if it is decided not to do the project. Glenn clarified we need to apply for each project on a separate application. Northwind could help with these grant applications.

Motion by Glenn, second by Nick to pursue grant opportunities with Focus on Energy for both projects (ballasted racking system at the old landfill site and Sanitary District/SRE area at the airport) as separate grant applications. All in favor, all aye. Motion Carried.

*Clerical Assistant Note: E-mail from Larry Bean 11/5/19 @ 7:53am
The Focus on Energy application deadline was October 15th and the award date is November 22nd. Larry was told there will be another round in several months.*

- The State Energy office said there will be a substantial amount of funding available the first half of next year. They got us started with a \$75,000 grant for the Library/Clinic project.
- The closed landfill site might be eligible for EPA funding, Larry is waiting to hear from them.
- There is an electric vehicle charging station grant program in development for 10 million dollars from the Wisconsin Dept. of Administration. We would be looking at getting a charging station for parking Lot W and at Big Bay Town Park. We could look at getting a 4 kW charging station to offset the Town Park's electric usage.
- Larry is looking for contact information for the BOA (Bureau of Aeronautics) for questions on what parameters we need in order to design a system for the SRE/Sanitary location. Zach will contact Paul Wilharm, Airport Manager to see if he has this info.

6. Participation in Xcel's Energy's Solar Garden

Discussion on town locations that could be considered for the Solar Garden (Dock & Rec Center).

Deb said Xcel has approx. 4.8 kW left in the program which would cost about \$7,526.

7. Set next meeting and agenda.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 10am.

8. Adjourn.

Motion by Glenn to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant.
Minutes approved as presented July 13, 2020. Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assisnat.