

**Town of La Pointe
Energy Committee
Friday, January 8, 2021 at Noon
via telephone conference
Minutes**

Members present: Larry Bean, chair; Zach Montagne, Glenn Carlson, Robin Trinko-Russell
Members absent:
Staff present: Lisa Potswald, Town Administrator
Public present: Craig Buttke, Solar CBI
Amber Vadnais, Solar CBI

1. Call to order/Roll Call

The Energy Committee meeting was called to order by Larry Bean, Chair on Friday, January 8, 2021.

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. November 9, 2020

Motion by Robin, second by Glenn to approve the November 9, 2020 Energy Committee minutes as presented. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

4. Office of Energy Innovation (OEI) Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP) discussion with Craig Buttke of Solar CBI, LLC

Craig discussed his preliminary assessment of possible Microgrid projects at the new EMS Building, Airport and Town Garage.

Lengthy discussion of the Town of La Pointe EIGP System Preliminary Summary provided by Craig including; sites, type of mounts, EIGP requirements, 2018 grant award analysis, battery storage, cost recovery/payback, possible energy planning proposal, overproduction at Town Hall and Library/Clinic site.

Motion by Glenn, second by Zach to recess this meeting and reconvene on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Larry Bean, Chair on Monday, January 11, 2021.

Craig updated the EIGP System Preliminary Summary based on the conversation at Friday's meeting to include; lowered battery storage which significantly reduced project costs, including cost recovery time on Airport and Town Garage, payback table for existing sites and energy planning ideas with Solar CBI and MuGrid.

General discussion on overproduction at Town Hall and Library/Clinic.

Discussion on the payback table for existing sites. Grants received for the current sites were not included in the payback table. Craig will get this information from Lisa and update the summary.

5. Recommendations to Town Board

Larry proposed 3 options to look at for grant; specific project (complete with battery storage), solar project funded at 22% or energy planning.

Motion by Robin, second by Zach to recommend the Town apply to the Office of Energy Innovation for an energy planning grant not to exceed \$15,000.

6. Public Comment

None

7. Set next meeting and agenda.

Next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

8. Adjourn.

Motion by Glenn, second by Zach to adjourn. All in favor, all aye. Meeting Adjourned.

**Larry Bean, Chair
Energy Committee**

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant.
Minutes approved as presented January 19, 2021. Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant