

**Town of La Pointe
Energy Committee
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 2 p.m.
via telephone conference
Minutes**

Members present: Larry Bean, chair; Glenn Carlson, Robin Trinko-Russell
Members absent: Zach Montagne
Staff present: Lisa Potswald, Town Administrator
Public present: Craig Buttke, Solar CBI
Amber Vadnais, Solar CBI
Bill Bailey, Cheq Bay Renewables
Amy Simpkins, muGrid Analytics

1. Call to order/Roll Call

The Energy Committee meeting was called to order by Larry Bean, Chair on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 2:05 p.m.

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. January 8, 2021

Motion by Robin, second by Glenn to approve the January 8, 2021 Energy Committee minutes as presented. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

4. Consider quotes from Solar CBI and muGrid Analytics for Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP)

Amber from Solar CBI explained their plan is for Solar CBI and muGrid Analytics to partner together along with Cheq Bay Renewals to offer a comprehensive solution. Solar CBI would work as the electrician and gather information (boots on the ground). muGrid will do the analytics and microgrid focus. The reason for 2 proposals; 1 is broader and 1 is a more narrowed focus on the downtown existing PV system and possibly the school if they are open to it.

Amber said Cheq Bay Renewables and Solar CBI would do in kind time as part of the match. Discussion on how include staff and in kind time for the match.

Amber stated that of the \$7 million available on this grant, \$500,000 is allocated for planning. Lisa said the maximum amount to apply for is \$100,000.

As a side note, Robin thought the island should do a solar tour with experts at each location to create a little bit of interest and to show how the island is being progressive. Lisa stated this could be included in the grant.

Amy from muGrid explained the 2 proposals as:

- Large Scope: a comprehensive energy plan for the whole island/community analyzing all current and possible sites (clusters/standalone) along with analyzing the existing sites. This plan would include costs to develop, cost savings benefits and resilience performance when the grid is not available.
- Small Scope; focuses more on the downtown cluster (Town Hall/Clinic/Library) and further analyze the possibility of a microgrid. They would put together an action plan.

Solar CBI will be doing local intelligence gathering including installing e-gauge monitors to get high fidelity interval data which is critical to the analytics modeling.

muGrid would do the analysis. They have an expert microgrid designer who will provide challenges and opportunities.

Craig Buttke of Solar CBI e-mailed proposals to Lisa on 1/18/21 from Solar CBI for \$16,000 and from muGrid for \$18,000 for evaluation of downtown campus with an additional \$6,000 to add the school.

Solar CBI's quote is the same for either the large or small scope. muGrid's quotes are difference based on the scope.

Motion by Glenn, second by Robin to table the discussion and not apply for a grant at this time. All in favor, all aye. Motion Carried.

Larry will work on putting together the committee's priorities and focus.

Larry also thinks we need to inventory available grant opportunities.

5. Recommendations to Town Board

None

6. Public Comment

None

7. Set next meeting and agenda.

Next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

8. Adjourn.

Motion by Robin 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 (*Clerical Assistant notes added in italics*) July 15, 2021.

Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant.