

**Town of La Pointe
Energy Committee
Wednesday November 9, 2022
4:30 pm at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Larry Bean (Chair), Robin Trinko-Russell, Zach Montagne and Craig Buttke
Public present: Dave Robinson, Xcel Energy
Jeff Klaver, Xcel Energy
Mark Vilchuck, Xcel Energy
Ben Kaldunski, NSPW
Amy Simpkins, muGrid Analytics
Bill Bailey, Cheq Bay Renewables

1. Call to order/Roll Call

The Energy Committee meeting was called to order by Larry Bean, Chair.

2. Public Comment

None

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

A. July 20, 2022

Motion by Robin to approve above minutes, seconded by Craig, all ayes. Motion Carried.

4. Xcel Energy – scoping study analysis discussion

Dave Robinson gave an Empower Resiliency Scoping Study Presentation working off the design in the microgrid feasibility study done by muGrid Analytics.

- Proposed equipment locations were presented.
- Estimated capital equipment costs are:

Utility Configuration	\$ 11,000
Battery Storage	116,600
Engineering, installation, balancing system	<u>180,100</u>
Total	\$307,700
- Xcel capital lease financing options presented including \$41,000 in up front costs and a 10 yr. lease at \$4,100 per month. Possible 15yr & 20yr lease options may be approved in 2023.
- Possible funding options were discussed including;
 - Fall 2022 WI Energy Innovation Grant Program (WIEIGP) online application due 1/30/23 – up to \$250,000 for energy storage systems.
 - Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 Investment Tax Credit – estimated 30% of cost available to non-taxable entities as a direct pay election.
 - Infrastructure Investment and Job Aids – US Dept. of Energy Grid Resiliency Grants – WI allocated \$5.1M plus tribes. Xcel is currently evaluating opportunities to apply for grant funding.
- Flow battery feasibility discussed.
- Discussion on options of adding La Pointe School to the microgrid.

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- Next steps discussed
 - Apply for WIEIGP grant
 - Complete MOU with Xcel Energy to go ahead with RFQ for design & engineering study

5. Recommendations to Town Board

Motion by Robin to recommend the Town apply for the Fall 2022 WIEIGP grant for \$250,000, seconded by Zach, all ayes. Motion Carried.

6. Public Comment

None

7. Set next meeting and agenda

Next meeting will be scheduled the last week of December

Agenda – review draft grant proposal

8. Adjourn.

Motion by Robin to adjourn.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant.

Minutes approved as presented 6/28/23. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant