Lake County Illinois

Lake County Courthouse and Administrative Complex
18 N. County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4351

Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

10:30 AM

or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Public Works, Planning and Transportation Committee, whichever is later.

Assembly Room, 10th Floor or register to virtually attend at https://bit.ly/3Gra5Qf

Energy & Environment Committee

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options):
(1) In-person attendance is on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower (9th Floor, if necessary), 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.
(2) Remote / virtual attendance through registration at: https://bit.ly/3Gra5Qf

RECORDING: Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per comment. In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. Individuals attending in-person or remotely may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th floor)).

Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals in attendance on the 10th Floor, (2) Public Comment by individuals who registered via the link on the front page of the agenda and are attending remotely / virtually, and then (3) written comments.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:
*** Meeting: Energy & Environment Committee (Subject line for written Public Comment)**
*** Name (REQUIRED)**
*** Topic or Agenda Item # (REQUIRED)**
*** Street Address, City, State (Optional)**
*** Phone Number (Optional)**
*** Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self")**

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1. Call to Order

Chair Wilke called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wilke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 5 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Wasik and Chair Wilke

Absent 2 - Member Barr and Member Hewitt

Others Present:
Abby Krakow, Communications
Al Giertych, Division of Transportation
Alex Machon, State's Attorney's Office
Angelo Kyle, Board Member
Carissa Casbon, Board Member
Carl Kirar, Facilities and Construction
Chad Wright, Facilities and Construction
Elliot Hull, State's Attorney's Office
Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development
Frank D'Andrea, Finance
Gavin Good, Lake County News-Sun
George Wohlgemuth, Standard Solar
Harry Benson, Standard Solar
James Hawkins, County Administrator's Office
Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office
Joel Sensenig, Public Works
Jolanda Dinkins, County Board Office
Kelly Shelton, Shelton Solutions
Kevin Quinn, Communications
Krista Braun Barkley, Planning, Building and Development
Kristy Cechini, County Board Office
Marenny Gonzalez, State's Attorney's Office
Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office
Michael English, Tradition Energy
Michael Wheeler, Finance
Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald
Nick Principali, Finance
Patrice Sutton, Finance
Robin Weller, Public
RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing
Sandy Hart, County Board Chair
Stacy Davis-Wynn, Purchasing

Steve Rice, State's Attorney's Office
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

6. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8.1 22-0669

Minutes from April 6, 2022.

Attachments: E&E 4.6.22 Final Minutes

A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Hunter, that the minutes from April 6, 2022 be approved. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 4 - Member Hunter, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Wasik and Chair Wilke

Absent: 2 - Member Barr and Member Hewitt

Not Present: 1 - Member Altenberg

REGULAR AGENDA

8.2 22-0833

Presentation and discussion regarding current electricity rates and options for renewable energy credits.

Attachments: 220602 Tradition Energy - Lake County Illinois - Electricity Regional Marke

RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing Agent, gave a brief summary of the item, noting that the County went out to bid and has received pricing for non-renewable ("brown") energy.

Ms. Hall introduced Michael English from Tradition Energy. Mr. English gave a presentation regarding supply, demand, and pricing for natural gas and renewable energy. Ms. Hall explained that staff is seeking the Committee's recommendation regarding the potential purchase of Renewable Energy Credits (RECs).

Discussion ensued.

Member Altenberg entered the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Ms. Hall noted that the County is not required to purchase RECs; rather, it is an opportunity to invest in renewable energy. She further explained that RECs can also be purchased at a later date and added to the existing "brown" energy contract, if desired.

Further discussion ensued.

The consensus of the Committee was to purchase RECs for one year at 50 percent. After the one-year mark, the Committee will reevaluate the purchasing percentage of the RECs.

8.3 **22-0834**

Joint resolution accepting the electricity rates proposed by Standard Solar, Inc., Rockville, MD for solar installations at Lake County's Mill Creek Waste Water Treatment Facility, and on the Libertyville Campus near the Central Permit Facility.

Attachments: Project Agreement 3- Lake County Public Works- Mill Creek WRF Land -6.
Project Agreement 8 - Lake County Facilities Libertyville Campus -6.2.22-e
Summary of Standard Solar Proposal 06 03 2022
Lake County PPA Pricing 060222 V4.0

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, provided background information about the resolution, noting that staff is seeking the Committee's acceptance of the proposed electricity rates with Standard Solar, Inc., in order to proceed with the continued planning, design, and acquisition of solar panels to be installed at two County sites (at the Mill Creek Waste Water Treatment Facility and near the Central Permit Facility on the Libertyville Campus).

Harry Benson, Standard Solar, noted that the Des Plaines River Water Reclamation Facility location is not being considered as part of the current resolution, due to the necessity of further site work.

RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing Agent, explained that the County's energy costs could be reduced through the implementation of solar power at the aforementioned two County sites.

Mr. Benson reviewed the timeline for receiving and constructing the solar equipment at both sites.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Member Wasik, seconded by Member Altenberg, that this resolution be approved and referred on to the Financial and Administrative

Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Altenberg, Member Hunter, Vice Chair Parekh, Member Wasik and Chair Wilke

Absent: 2 - Member Barr and Member Hewitt

9. County Administrator's Report

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, noted that the new Sustainability Program Manager will begin on Monday, June 13.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

Member Wasik noted that the County should consider offering incentives for residential and commercial property holders to purchase renewable energy. Member Altenberg agreed and also suggested looking into the consortium that was started by Vernon Township.

Vice Chair Parekh requested that Committee members receive a brief, informal update regarding the County canopy cover project.

Matt Meyers, Assistant County Administrator, provided a brief Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program status update, noting that two pre-approvals for potential projects were submitted. Assistant County Administrator Meyers will provide further updates when more information becomes available.

Chair Wilke provided an update regarding new electric vehicles that are available for the public to purchase.

County Board Chair Hart mentioned an incentive she found in Tucson, Arizona, which allowed residents to turn in their old, gas-powered lawn and garden devices for a $150 credit towards purchasing electric devices. The incentive was made possible through grant funding and a partnership between the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and The Home Depot.

12. Adjournment

Chair Wilke declared the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Next Meeting: August 3, 2022

Minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Respectfully submitted,

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Energy and Environment Committee Chair