

EFTF Mtg Nov 11, 2024

Present: Lois Bahle, Peter Wolcott; Kama Ross; Tom Van Pelt; Steve Ruddell; Russ Packard; Joe De Fors; Bronwyn Jones; Gwenne Allgaier

Meeting commenced at 9:45

Minutes reviewed and accepted

Suggestion made to rotate minutes taking yearly. This will be done in January.

Suggestion made to review officers in January - Gwenne will speak to Michelle about need to deputize members again.

Joe gave Energy Brief on Energy Regulation.

Reminder to group of our recommendation of giving task force 3 year 'life'.

Nothing further from MPSC re Solar Grant - Chairman DeFors sent a communication asking about the possibility of further announcements - no word. (in case any recipients turn down awards).

Peter - contacted U of M re SEAS grant app for survey, no word as yet, but he feels it is important to work with them so they are more familiar with us.

Discussion of application for Tribal grant for level 2 car chargers.

Peter Wolcott discussed change in State House to republican in 2025 - need to lobby Rep Coffia to support Community Solar

Tom Van Pelt mentioned grant to Wolverine for energy from nuclear station in Ohio - in process

Presentation by Joe DeFors - Overview of Energy Regulation: Electric Power markets and how they are sourced - Michigan is in MISO (Mid continent). Mission of MPSC discussed, illustrated. Tom Van Pelt offered knowledge of MISO, FERC (Fed Energy Regulation Commission) systems.

MPSC - Mich Public Service Commission - deals more with distribution to public at reasonable rates, FERC deals more with wholesale distribution.

Energy Regulation - Consumers Energy, for instance, is investor owned., is a regulated monopoly.

Cooperative - Cherryland Electric.....member regulated

Publicly owed - Traverse City Light & Power - owned by community

Ann Arbor having discussion on whether to create a sustainable energy utility - in process.

Micro grids.....being discussed but not available in Michigan as yet.

Group broke into workgroups.....

Energy Efficiency & Education:

Discussion of need for education session on EV ownership

Need for program to teach installers re renewable energy

Transportation -

ideas on EV or hybrid for departments

Call for public comment - none given, no public present