

Envision 2020
E2020 Energy Conservation Taskforce meeting
August 26, 2010, 8-9 am
Greater Mankato Business Development Center

MINUTES

Present: Jeff Brand, Ted Downey, Leigh Pomeroy, Bob Schabert, Lou Schwartzkopf.

I. Ted Downey opened the meeting at 8:00 am.

II. Announcements

A. Jeff Brand, as newly-named Nonpartisan Candidate Outreach Field Coordinator for the Minnesota Environmental Partnership, encouraged members to attend the League of Women Voters gubernatorial debate in St. Peter on October 19, as well as other forums and debates, and ask questions about renewable energy and green jobs; he also encouraged members to write letters to the editor in support of renewable energy or letters on other environmental issues.

B. Leigh Pomeroy: The latest World Watch Report is out and takes on consumerism.

C. Leigh Pomeroy: Is putting a metal roof on his house. Because of the insulation between the roof and the shingles it is very energy efficient and cost effective. He has developed a spreadsheet showing costs and benefits that he will share with anyone who is interested.

III. Reports: Lou Schwartzkopf

A. Meeting with Barb Embacher and GMG intern.

GMG has an intern, Ojoye Akane, for at least six months whose charge is to provide assistance to E2020 groups. One thing he can do for us is to help us with our webpage.

B. Implementation Team meeting. At the recent Implementation Team meeting E2020 groups in the Economic Development KPA reported on their work in the past year. Lou Schwartzkopf reported for the Task Force. There was considerable interest in the Meters for Libraries program (see new business).

IV. Old business

A. Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Lou Schwartzkopf reported on Torrie Smith Associates software for calculating greenhouse gas emissions. The software, together with vehicle

miles traveled (VMT) data for Mankato from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, should allow us to calculate GHG emissions for the transportation sector. The cost of the software is \$1000.

Discussion. Scott Fitchner, Head of Environmental Services for Blue Earth County, may be able to provide information for the waste sector (the landfill). Funding sources were discussed. Partnering with other groups may make it easier to get funding.

B. EPA Energy Star program

The next step in publicizing the information about Energy Star programs and websites from Doug Anderson of the Washington DC EPA office is to contact the Free Press about an article in Mankato Magazine. Lou Schwartzkopf will do this.

IV. New business

A. Expansion of meters for libraries program.

Suggestions at the Implementation Team meeting for the meters for libraries program:

1. Identify a specific meter and where it can be purchased; probably both a 110 V and a 220 V meter. Then Denny Dotson will send letters to area companies which may be interested in purchasing meters for loan to their employees. Lou Schwartzkopf will check with Leigh Pomeroy about this.
2. Develop an information sheet on the use of electricity by various home appliances and include this to be checked out with the meters. Lou Schwartzkopf will check with Monika Antonelli about an information sheet.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 23, 2010, 8-9 am, Greater Mankato Business Development Center, Classroom B.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Schwartzkopf