

Envision 2020
E2020 Energy Conservation Taskforce meeting
January 27, 2011, 8-9 am
Greater Mankato Business Development Center, Classroom B

MINUTES

Present: Ted Downey, Mike Fischer, Paul Gorman, Leigh Pomeroy, Bob Schabert, Lou Schwartzkopf, Katy Wortel

Guest: Kris Perendy, WX Coordinator, Minnesota Valley Action Council

I. Ted Downey opened the meeting at 8:00 am, and welcomed guest Kris Perendy.

II. Announcements

A. Lou: The Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) Conference will be held in St. Cloud on February 2 and 3.

B. Ted: He has donated ENVI meters (electrical meters which can monitor up to nine electricity lines or appliances in a home simultaneously) to two Mankato non-profits.

III. Reports

A. Home Show update – the Home Show subcommittee (Ted, Paul Gorman, Leigh, Lou, and Katy)

The subcommittee has been meeting regularly to plan the Task Force booth at the Mankato Home Show. Anyone interested in participating should contact one of the subcommittee members.

B. Greenhouse Gas Inventory – Lou

Thanks to Jon Noerenberg, Planning Assistant with the City of Mankato, data from Benco, Xcel, Centerpoint, and Greater Minnesota Gas have been obtained. The data on both electricity usage and natural gas usage for both Mankato and North Mankato for 2008 are now complete.

C. Meters for Libraries – Lou

Monika Antonelli has received three electrical meters which Xcel Energy has donated to the Minnesota State Mankato Library. The meters are Watts Up meters; Xcel provided a case, instructions, and a USB cable with each meter. They will be available for check-out in approximately a month, after they have been cataloged.

IV. Presentation by Kris Perendy.

Kris Perendy spoke to the group about the MVAC Weatherization Assistance Program. MVAC has weatherized 500 homes recently with stimulus (ARRA) money from the federal government. Altogether in Minnesota 118,000 homes have been weatherized with stimulus money. Before the stimulus money was available, MVAC weatherized typically 200 to 300 homes each year in the nine-county area it serves. Each year MVAC identifies low-income households with high heating bills and asks them if they are interested in participating in the program. Typically, a weatherization crew adds insulation to the walls and attic, checks the furnace and water heater, etc. There is no cost to the household.

V. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am. Next meeting: Thursday, February 24, 8-9 am, Greater Mankato Business Development Center, Classroom B.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Schwartzkopf