

Minutes of the July 7, 2010 EIC 25 by 25 Committee meeting

Attending:

Marge Bostelmann	Lynn Markham (until 3:30pm)
Sue McConnell (until 4pm)	Dan Priske
Linda Van Ness	Ken Bates
Gordy Farrell	Amy Peterson (from 2pm)
Jim Hebbe	Todd Hudzinski
Jason Kauffeld	Bill Skowronski (from 3pm)

Absent: Scott Weir, Don Keck, Al Shute, Bob Podgorski, Mark Podoll

1. Marge Bostelmann called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.
2. The Agenda was approved (Priske / Farrell)
3. The Minutes were approved (Priske / Farrell)
4. The Natural Step – Lynn Markham

Lynn Markham from the UW Stevens Point Center for Land Use Education (CLUE) led a facilitated study circle covering the first 8 chapters of The Natural Step for Communities (TNS). From 12:25 to 1:30 pm, Lynn led us through a Power Point introducing the four guiding objectives of a community committed to TNS:

- Eliminate fossil fuel dependence and wasteful use of scarce metals and minerals
- Eliminate dependence on persistent chemicals and wasteful use of synthetic substances
- Eliminate encroachment upon and damage to nature
- Meet human needs fairly and efficiently
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“Everything leaks eventually” – Lynn Markham, when asked about safely storing garbage and pollutants, such as spent nuclear fuel.

Lynn recommended the book Deep Economy as a resource to read.

Dan Priske asked Jason if he could find out more about the ‘Melbourne Principles’ which was a phrase appearing in a slide.

After a 15 minute break, Lynn spent from 1:45 to 3:15pm facilitating group discussion of the first 8 chapters of TNS. 19% of GL County’s population was over 65 in the year 2008 was shared by Linda. The fact that GL County has wind, solar, and geothermal resources was agreed upon by the group.

Consensus seemed to form that EDUCATION IS THE ULTIMATE UPSTREAM FOR EVERYTHING.

TNS study circle ended with Chapter 8, as the following chapters dealt with schools and education and Gordy and Ken had to leave soon. We will pick up at that point at our next meeting.

Lynn shared her TNS Power Point with Jason, who now has it on his computer if anybody would like a copy.

The regular meeting of the EIC began at 3:20 pm

5. Renewable World Foundation (RWF)

Bill Skowronski shared that RWF is a newly formed organization based out of Neshkoro that is interested in teaching about sustainability to schools and in working with the EIC to help educate the community. Ken said he is willing to facilitate a meeting between RWF and the school to discuss potential interaction.

6. Focus on Energy (FOE) Report – Amy Peterson

FOE finished their audit of the school and two highway buildings and compiled a report of where they can find energy savings. Marge will email the report to the EIC committee members.

7. Baseline Report – Amy Peterson

Not available. Marge will contact Brian Driscoll and let him know that this has not yet been provided by the contractors.

8. Renewable Research Report – Amy Peterson

Amy shared the draft report she prepared. A final, polished version of this will be part of our 2525 plan that must be submitted by the end of the year. She found that there are five solar hot water systems installed in the county and that the Double S Dairy in Markesan has a digester.

Amy will share the report with the EIC as an electronic copy.

Ken shared that he has contacts with some experts on algae production that he made upon attending the Watertown Biofuels workshop.

9. Education and Outreach

Energy Tour, FDL County July 31. Jason shared that this is a community educational activity that he is helping to organize and encouraged EIC committee members to attend.

Space at County Fair. Sue shared that the EIC committee can obtain a 10' by 20' outdoor booth at the August 5-8 GL County Fair which can be used for educational outreach activities if we pay the \$125 fee.

Motion by McConnell / Second by Kauffeld to pay \$125 to obtain a booth at the fair to be used for community outreach and education as required by the grant, and that EIC members Jason and Sue and local Sustainability Team coordinator Todd Hudzinski will coordinate the groups and the activities using the booth and that a poster / placard detailing the mission of the EIC will be prepared and present in the booth throughout the duration of the fair. Motion passed.

Motion by Farrell / Second by Priske that up to two more people involved with EIC activities can attend the August 4 EIC meeting in Kaukauna and have their expenses paid for through the grant. Motion passed.

10. Meeting ended at 4:15pm for lack of a quorum.
11. Next meeting will start at noon on August 11. Lynn Markham will finish up our study of TNS. Amy Peterson strongly urges the importance of focusing on the Project List to meet 25 by 25 at the next meeting.