

WIND ENERGY RESOURCE ZONE BOARD

January 5, 2009
MPSC Offices
Hearing Room D
9:00 a.m.

Proposed Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair David Walters at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Julie Baldwin, Steve Brock, Robert Ianni, Rodger Kershner, Trevor Lauer, John Miceli, Mary Templeton, Thomas Vitez, David Walters, David Wright

Alternates Present: David Bertram (Gene Jorissen), Joe DeVito (Rodger Kershner), Jim Weeks (David Walters)

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Trevor Lauer made a motion to adopt the agenda with no changes or additions. The motion to accept the agenda was passed.

III. Approval of the December 12, 2008 Minutes. Mary Templeton motioned to accept the minutes as written. The motion to accept the minutes was passed.

IV. Funding Update

Julie Baldwin reported that the funding request for a consultant has been sent to the Department of Management and Budget (DMB). Notification of DMB approval or disapproval is anticipated by the end of next week. If DMB approves our request, RFP letters and the statement of work can be sent to the list of consultants with a 2 week turnaround time.

The Chair asked if there were suggested changes or additions to the proposed RFP and statement of work that was previously sent to the board via email. It was suggested by Robert Ianni language be added to the RFP requesting that consultants disclose if they or their company have a financial interest in the outcome of the Board's work. This was supported by the general consensus.

V. The Board held a discussion about the Financial Disclosure Statements prepared by Bob Ianni and generally agreed to submit the completed disclosure statements to the Secretary by the next meeting.

VI. The Board received a presentation from Durgesh Manjure titled MISO Interconnection Queue Timelines and Costs.

VII. The Board received a presentation from Board member Tom Vietz about ITC.

VIII. The Board received a presentation from Charles McKeown about the MSU Land Policy Institute's Michigan Wind Prospecting Tool.

IX. Planning Discussion

The Chair invited comments on how the Board should proceed. A suggestion was made to invite wind developers to come to the next meeting and provide input on Michigan's wind potential and other areas of the Board's responsibilities. There was some concern that wind developers might feel the need to limit the information provided to the Board. A Board member suggested that we ask John Sarver, State Energy Office, to send our request for wind developer input to his email list of wind developers. The Board thought that John Deere, RES, Detroit Edison, and Consumers Energy would be willing to speak. The Board agreed to utilize the wind developer email list and also contact some developers directly.

David Wright suggested inviting a US Department of Energy 20% wind expert to a future meeting. It was agreed that David Wright would work on this.

For a future meeting in February, the board discussed applying for a grant from the US Department of Energy, to pay for having a National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) consultant come in and speak about wind zone activities in other states. It was agreed that the Board would pursue this opportunity. Julie Baldwin will work on the grant application with MPSC staff.

Other wind zone studies/reports conducted in other states obtained through NREL will be posted on the Wind Energy Resource Zone Board website (http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,1607,7-159-16393_52375---,00.html).

Tom Stanton of the Michigan Public Service Commission commented that the National Wind Coordinating Council has offered to present to the Board. The Board will discuss this at a future meeting.

The Chair recommended a discussion at the next meeting to group the Board's duties into subsets to facilitate getting work done between meetings.

X. The next meeting will be January 19, 2009 at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Michigan Municipal Electric Association on Creyts Road.

XI. Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

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