

May 26, 2009
Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way
Lansing, MI 48911
12:00 p.m.
Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair, David Walters at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Julie Baldwin, Steve Brock, Bob Ianni, Trevor Lauer,
Mary Templeton, Tom Vitez, David Walters, David Wright

Member Participating by Phone: John Miceli

Alternates Present: David Bertram, Alternate for Gene Jorissen

II. Webmeeting Announcement.

Christine Battiste, MPSC Staff, provided technical assistance for the webmeeting.

III. Adoption of the Agenda.

The Chair asked if there were changes, deletions or additions to the agenda.

Mr. Lauer made a motion to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright. The Board adopted the Agenda.

IV. Approval of the proposed minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting.

The Chair asked if there were changes, deletions or additions to the minutes. Ms.

Templeton made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright. The Board approved the minutes.

V. Progress update and discussion with Public Sector Consultants and Land Policy Institute on report preparation and local units of government outreach.

A discussion was held with Sally Talberg (Board's Report Writer Consultant) regarding placement of wind turbines on state lands. The Board asked for more clarification on which lands were used in the analysis.

Based on comments received, Ms. Talberg will clarify in Appendix D that military airport lands were excluded from the analysis.

The Board discussed Exhibit E-1 which listed projects with executed interconnection agreements. Some members questioned the purpose of the Exhibit and found it confusing. The Board opted to remove the Exhibit from the report.

The Board clarified that the Board Secretary will mail copies of the proposed report and cover letter to each local unit of government in the Board's identified regions. The proposed report will be posted on the Wind Board's website. Those wishing to comment will be directed to the comment webpages at Public Sector Consultants' website.

The Board chose not to offer the "Ask the Expert" web option and instead will direct people with questions to Amy Rittenhouse at Public Sector Consultants.

A discussion was held regarding the purpose of the public hearings. The Board agreed that at the public hearings, the Chair would give the presentation provided by the Land Policy Institute and that the point of the public hearing is to take comments from the public for consideration in the development of the Board's final report. If there is a stage at the public hearing facility, the Board will sit up on the stage with the Chair.

VI. Planning Discussion.

The Board discussed issuing a press release when the proposed report is issued on June 2. Ms. Baldwin said that Judy Palnau, the MPSC's media relations expert, will be drafting a press release.

The Board agreed on the following schedule:

August 10, 2009 Next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

August 24, 2009 Public Hearing #1, Huron County Expo Center, Bad Axe @ 11 am.

August 31, 2009 Public Hearing #2, West Shore Comm. College, Scottville @ 11 am.

September 8, 2009 Last day for receiving public comment.

September 14, 2009 Regularly Scheduled Board meeting.

September 28, 2009 Public Sector Consultants provides Final Report to Board.

The Board specified that the public hearing locations should have seating for 200 people, microphones, and Powerpoint slide capability. The Board opted not to request conference call/webmeeting capability.

Ms. Baldwin will ask the MPSC's Executive Secretary to assist with the public notice requirements for the public hearings.

At the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on August 10, the Board proposed several agenda items:

- Review comments submitted by the local units of governments which are due by 3 pm on August 4.
- Review Board's presentation materials for the upcoming public hearings.
- Review a draft agenda for the public hearings.
 - 3 minutes per commenter
 - Have attendees sign in

VII. Public Comment.

Mr. Mike Serafin of Detroit Edison commented that the distance from structures used by the Board in its analysis should be clarified in the report. Mr. Serafin recommended that the Board have posters showing the 4 regions and Board timeline on display at the public hearings. He also suggested that Board members arrive early to be available to talk with the attendees and that the Board make audio recordings of the public hearings.

At the conclusion of the public comment period, the chair asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. Brock. Mr. Bertram seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.