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MINUTES Laramie/Albany County Environmental Advisory Committee Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 6:03 PM

Members present: Ellen Currano, Eric Krszjzaniek, Evelyn Hill, Rhiannon Jakopak, and Harry Plendl.

Members absent: Ramsey Bently and one vacant seat.

There was a quorum present at all times.

Council Liaison: Erin O'Doherty (present at 6:33 pm).

Albany County Commissioner Liaison: Pete Gosar (present).

Staff Present: Darren Parkin (Natural Resource Specialist) and Nancy Bartholomew (City Clerk).

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

2-A. Changes and Approval of Agenda

MOTION BY KRSZJZANIEK, seconded by Hill, to approve the agenda as written.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS - Non-Agenda Related Topics – No Action Can Be Taken

None.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND STAFF: REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None.

5. DISCLOSURES — Ex-parte communications; potential conflicts of interest

No disclosures.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding House Bill 0226 Related to Public Utilities and Net-Metering System.

MOTION BY KRSZJZANIEK, seconded by Jakopak, that EAC approve a position statement opposing the proposed amendment to Wyoming's net-metering statutes.

MOTION TO AMEND BY KRSZJZANIEK, seconded by Jakopak, to amend 2nd paragraph to add "already minimal" after reduce.

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED by voice vote.

MOTION TO AMEND BY PLENDL, seconded by Jakopak, to remove "maintaining or".

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED by voice vote.

MOTION TO AMEND BY JAKOPAK, no second received, to move sentence 2, paragraph 2 to a new paragraph below.

MOTION TO AMEND FAILED due to lack of second.

MOTION TO AMEND BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Plendl, to move the 3rd sentence to a new paragraph below.

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED by voice vote.

MOTION TO AMEND BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Hill, to move the sentence "Private citizens..." to the end to a new paragraph.

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED by voice vote.

MOTION TO AMEND BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Plendl, to change "Rec Center" to "Laramie Community Recreation Center and the Laramie Ice and Event Center."

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED by voice vote.

MOTION TO AMEND BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Plendl, to change "feel" to "experience" and add the following at the end of the sentence and strike the next three sentences in the paragraph, "This September, the Mullen Fire decimated over 175,000 acres in our beloved Snowy Mountains and threatened Cheyenne's water supply. Air quality in Albany was terrible for weeks as the fire burned."

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED by voice vote.

MOTION TO AMEND BY PLENDL, seconded by Hill, to include these sentences: 1) The term net-metering is a nationally recognized term and should not be removed from the conversation in Wyoming as it would create the appearance that Wyoming does not permit net-metering; 2) Purchase rates must be equivalent to the retail rate; 3) Opportunity for the community to return land to the tax rolls through renewable energy projects are discouraged by the utility purchasing back energy at the avoided cost rate; and 4) Net-metering production capacity authorized to produce >25 kilowatts in supported.

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED by voice vote.

Member Plendl left the meeting at 7:32 pm.

MOTION TO AMEND BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Krszjzaniek, to amend "and preventing increased occurrences of events like the Mullen Fire."

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED by voice vote.

MOTION TO AMEND BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Krszjzaniek, to amend to say, "is threatening 40% of our water supply".

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED by voice vote.

MOTION TO AMEND BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Hill, to move sentence 2, paragraph 2 to a new paragraph at the end and strike "instead" before advocate.

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED by voice vote.

MOTION TO AMEND BY KRSZJZANIEK, seconded by Jakopak, to add a sentence, "Opportunity for the community to return land to the tax rolls through renewable energy projects are discouraged by the utility purchasing back energy at the avoided cost rate."

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED by voice vote.

MOTION TO AMEND BY KRSZJZANIEK, seconded by Jakopak, to amend changes to the first sentence "as well as ensuring that retail rates are paid for consumer generated energy..".
MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED by voice vote.

MOTION TO AMEND BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Hill, to amend "Legislation is often most effective when it reflects the involvement and interests of many diverse segments of the public. Although there was substantial public involvement opposing amendment."
MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

MOTION TO AMEND BY KRSZJZANIEK, seconded by Hill, for leaving the term net-metering in the bill, raising the current cap.
MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED by voice vote.

MOTION TO AMEND BY KRSZJZANIEK, seconded by Jakopak, the committee approves as is with the understanding of grammatical edits.

MOTION BY JAKOPAK, seconded by Krszjzaniek, to approve this letter and give the presenter permission to make grammatical edits.

MOTION TO AMEND BY KRSZJZANIEK, seconded by Hill, nominates Ellen Currano to present letter to Joint Corporations Committee.
MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED by voice vote.

MAIN MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

8. DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING – December 3, 2020

9. ADJOURN

MOTION BY KRSZJZANIEK, seconded by Jakopak, to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

Absent: Bentley, Plendl, and one vacant seat.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Minutes taken by: _____

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