

ENERGY COMMITTEE
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Friday, January 15, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center
1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Sletten.

ROLL CALL: Present – Dave Sletten, Samuel Pomush, Michael Raunio. Absent – Craig Plummer. Others present – Russ Luipakka (remote), Mark Nelson (remote), Tony Menard (remote), Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Pomush, second Raunio, to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2020, meeting. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

Government Center/Courthouse Lighting & HVAC Update: Sletten reported Buildings and Grounds Department staff mainly focused on cleaning tasks due to COVID, but also have been completing LED lighting conversions/replacements in both buildings and in the parking areas. Future LED enhancements are planned, pending County Board approval for funding. Needlepoint ionization units were installed in the jail and are touted as energy saving devices. Ozone generators and purification units are also being operated for air cleaning purposes.

Hawthorne HVAC Upgrade Update: Craig Plummer (Highway Department) not in attendance due to the weather; advised Sletten that mini split units were installed in the office area and addressing an optimization issue with the HVAC system.

Focus on Energy Program Update: Menard to forward electronic copy of 2021 catalog to Sletten. Not too many changes to the program; due to LED lighting prices being reduced, rebate incentives for LEDs also went down slightly.

SWL&P Solar Project Update: Luipakka reported the project has been approved by the state; site is ready, property is owned by SWL&P and is located along 28th street next to the skate park. Individual homeowners or businesses can buy blocks of power from the solar grid and will not impact power rates. Project is shovel ready and will begin in the spring.

Constellation Energy Management: Flier was mailed to the county. Group apparently assists with purchasing energy. Sletten to do further research into the organization and follow-up.

INFORMATIONAL: Utility history reports: Reviewed.

Future Agenda Items: Focus on Energy – lighting kits; Constellation Energy Management.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Pomush, second Raunio, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk