

APPROVED Minutes

Community Energy Plan Steering Committee

Thursday, July 20, 2023

City Council Chambers
Grand Haven

10:00 AM

1. **Call to Order:** John Job, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.
2. **Roll Call:** Karen Sherwood, Grand Haven Township Assistant Manager, Ashley Latsch, Grand Haven City Manager; Karen Lowe, Grand Haven City Council, John Job, Grand Haven Township Citizen, Will Montgomery, Ferrysburg City Council, Garry Post, Ferrysburg Citizen, Dr. Nick Pietrangelo, Ferrysburg Citizen, Deanne Brink, Grand Haven Township Citizen, Nancy O'Neill, Grand Haven Citizen, Ryan Cotton, Grand Haven Citizen. Jim Hagen and Jan O'Connell attended from the general public.
Not in Attendance: Mike Fritz, Grand Haven City Council, Erik Booth, BLP; Jerry Sias, Ferrysburg City Council, David Mann, Grand Haven Citizen; Greg Griffin, Bill Cargo, Grand Haven Township (ex-officio); Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township (ex-officio) Dave Walters (ex-officio)
3. **Introductions (New Attendees):** Will Montgomery from Ferrysburg and Deanne Brink from Grand Haven Township were recognized.
4. **First Public Comment:** Jan O'Connell spoke with positive comments regarding Michigan Energy Options/Five Lakes Energy.
5. **Review of the Agenda:** John Job reviewed the agenda. No changes.
6. **Motion to Approve the Agenda:** Karen L. moved approval, supported by Patti. The agenda was approved unanimously.
7. **Approval of Minutes of the June 29, 2023 Meeting:** Ryan indicated he received one correction from Nancy, supported by Karen L. and made the wording changes had been made in the hard copy in front of each member. Garry made a motion to approve, supported by Patti.
- 7.A **Discussion of Interview Questions and Process:** John Job introduced the discussion on the draft questions and who should ask them. Ryan suggested John ask the questions. Karen L. volunteered to ask the questions regarding potential BLP conflicts. The last two bulleted questions could be eliminated from the draft list distributed thereby. Ryan said each member should be free to ask follow-up questions of any consultant.
8. **Presentation by Michigan Energy Options/Five Lakes Energy and Interview:** See the link here:
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9. **Presentation by Garforth International:** See the link here:
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Garforth begins at 56:37

10. **Presentation by Public Sector Consultants/Fresh Coast Climate Solutions** (remotely and postponed until 1:00 PM: See the link here:

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Public Sector Consultants begins at 2:01:16

Members in attendance changed to just include Patti Nelsen, Ashley Latsch, Ryan Cotton, Garry Post, Dr. Nick Pietrangelo and Jim Hagen and Jan O'Connell from the general public. Nancy O'Neill and Deanne Brink participated remotely.

11. **Discussion and Motion on Next Meeting Date, Time, and Place** – Discussion determined that Thursday, July 27th at noon at City Hall might work best for most of the Committee. (Before they had to leave several members had suggested Thursdays for the next meeting.)
12. **Second Public Comment:** None.
13. **Discussion on Next Agenda Items** – No further discussion
14. **Motion to Adjourn:** Made by Garry, supported by Dr. Pietrangelo with unanimous affirmation at 2:15 PM.

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