



**Energy Services Coalition
Minnesota Chapter Meeting Minutes
1681 E. Cope Ave. Suite A
Maplewood, MN 55109
December 19, 2013
1:00 – 2:30 PM**

Introductions

Presenter

Public Co-Chair: Peter Berger

- Called to order by Pete Berger at 1:05 PM
- Trish Curtis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Eric Rehm.

Old Business

Peter Berger

New Business

- There are some leasing agreement issues around not allowing an escrow account that Pete will be working on it in January. The Attorney General's office didn't write it into the lease agreement. The Port Authority had agreement from US Bank to accept the current leasing agreement but now has rejected it. The clause is being re-worked with Administration and is not a legal issue but a business issue—according to the Attorney General. The terms won't be ideal but will be acceptable. This became an issue for SCSU. There is no information that it is an issue for City of Bemidji.

Committee Updates

- Membership Committee Eric Rehm
 - 28 current members
 - \$9,436.89 fund balance with outstanding invoice for \$602.50.
 - Net revenue from the Fall Workshop: \$4,210.59
 - We will need to provide a scholarship again in 2014. Our chapter should benefit most from this so we will need to make a push to get more public sector people to apply for it so they can attend the national conference.
 - Reminder notices are going out from ESC National for membership renewal.
- Outreach Committee Lindsay Wimmer
 - Lindsay Wimmer reported on her presentation of GESP, a case study and the PACE program to the 9 county Regional Development Commission on 12/13/13 with 25-30 attendees.
- Workshop Committee Trish Curtis
 - National Conference-July 28-30 in St. Paul at the Crown Plaza
 - The calendar is set for the oversight committee meetings in 2014.
 - We will need to come up with ideas for local involvement.
 - Need to plan a robust scholarship campaign.
 - In January, those on the national subcommittee will be communicated.

- A call was made for workshop committee volunteers. Jeff Jackson, Eric Rehm and Lee Hammer volunteered.
- .GESP Updates
 - Active Projects
 - MNSCU – St. Cloud State campus – Preliminary assessment is done. Further refinement is being done on the agreed upon ECMs and the financing package is being put together.
 - MN DOT – District One – Package is not yet approved and there is no solar in the project.
 - City of Bemidji – Nothing new to report
 - DNR—Ameresco will be moving forward on 6 regional buildings of approximately 179K square feet. The DNR project manager has taken a new position so the process will be slowed down somewhat. The work order should be out in January, 2014.
 - Admin Transportation—NORESO is in preliminary reviews currently.
- Projects In Development
 - Minnesota State-Mankato wants to start the RFP process in a month or two.
 - MIL – Approved an inter-agency agreement for an RFP at Camp Ripley and the Rosemount Armory. Both will be included in one RFP. The National Guard owns the armory building and leases out to the City of Rosemount. Currently, no one has done a guard base as a GESB with a lease purchase . Pete Berger is discussing this with the National Guard.
 - MET Council – Nothing new to report.
 - U of M – No new information.
 - National Sports Center has drafted a joint powers agreement and is still talking about proceeding.
 - MN State Academies has a meeting scheduled in January to discuss GESB.
 - Fond du Lac is presenting a joint powers agreement to the tribal council in January. They will need to waive their sovereign status in order to get a lease purchase. Pete Berger will work to get resolution on that issue prior to the RFP.
 - MN Zoo – Nothing new to report.
 - City of Minneapolis – Mayor elect Betsy Hodges supports GESB and will direct the city coordinator’s office to proceed after Hodges picks her team. Elizabeth Glidden will also support and help move it forward. (Cam Gordon may take over Ways and Means for Glidden but it isn’t known yet who will head up that committee. They are currently focused on the Better Buildings Challenge Energy Star Benchmarking energy data accelerator and multi-family housing. Right now the tone is more toward bonding rather than lease purchase.

Elections for 2014 Officers

Elections were held on 12/19/13 at the ESC meeting. Motion was made by Peter Berger to accept election results. Seconded by Eric Rehm.

- Public Co-chair-Peter Berger
Private Co-chair-Trish Curtis
- Membership-Jeff Jackson
- Outreach and State Specific Documents-Lindsay Wimmer
Workshop-Trish Curtis
- Secretary-Lee Hammer

Open Forum, Action Item Review, Closing

- Recap of GESP
 - We currently have 8 inter-agency/joint powers agreements signed.
 - There are 9 new sites in the funnel which represents approximately 200 buildings and over 7 M square feet.
 - 350 jobs are represented in the GESP pipeline currently.
 - 3 Rivers Park District should be ready to sign after the first of the year. Their project will include a good deal of lighting on trails, etc.
- There was some discussion about who gets emailed the meeting minutes and agendas. Meeting minutes will be posted on the website. Lee will copy Randy Martin so all meeting minutes get posted monthly. Lee will purge the email list to members and those who might consider joining again.
- Jon Mool suggested that the chapter calendar can be put on the MN website and will investigate whether or not it can be done.

Action Item: Motion to Adjourn –Trish Curtis made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Lee Hammer.