



**Energy Services Coalition
Minnesota Chapter Meeting Minutes
Ramsey County Library, Maplewood
3025 Southlawn Drive
Maplewood, MN
August 27, 2014
1:00 – 2:30 PM**

Introductions

Presenter

Public Co-Chair: Peter Berger

Private Co-Chair: Trish Curtis

- Called to order by Pete Berger at 1:05 PM
- Laura Young made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes. Seconded by Jeff Jackson.
- Attendees: John Neville, Tyler Hoch, Yvonne Pfeifer, Madonna Rykken, Danielle Ritter, Trish Curtis, Lindsay Wimmer, Kathleen Donovan, Alison Lindburg, Josh Cowdery, Peter Berger, David Parry, John Haaland, Jon Mool, Jeff Jackson, Laura Young, Amy Nemeth, John Kearney, Jeff Rud, Lee Hammer.

Committee Updates

- Membership Committee Lee Hammer for Jeff Jackson
 - 26 current members
New members are Amy Nemeth and Laura Malwitz, Sherry Rosenthal, Bob Schmidt and Mike Zukowski.
 - \$7,350.33 fund balance
 - It was requested that a copy of the membership list be sent out with the meeting minutes. See attachment.
- Outreach Committee Lindsay Wimmer
 - Lindsay announced her resignation as Outreach chair due to her new role and responsibilities at Commerce. Madonna Rykken and Lee Hammer will handle anything that comes up until a new Outreach chair is named. Voting will occur at the November meeting. The position is responsible for identifying and coordinating outreach opportunities and website development.
 - At our next meeting, discuss re-establishing the State Documents Committee.
- Workshop Committee Trish Curtis
 - Trish Curtis outlined the costs for the National Conference—Padelford Cruise, 16 scholarships and our share of the net revenues of the conference from ESC National. The chapter realized a net positive cash flow.
 - Trish to send Lee a Conference Update blurb for the Chapter website.
 - Fall Workshop-Discussion about waiting to do the workshop in the Spring rather than the Fall. We will need to choose the venue carefully. Possibly at UMD?
- **New Business** Pete Berger

City of Bemidji is the first GESP project to sell by Honeywell. \$2.445M with Capital One doing a 20 year financing package rather than a 15 year project due to inability to use unencumbered funds for 2nd, 3rd years, etc. The project includes basic strategies.

- Anoka Ramsey Community College will probably be the next project to hit the streets.
- Update on Camp Ripley. They are doing a 10 megawatt solar system which will be built, owned and operated by MN Power. RFP has been ready for issuance but has not been issued yet. Pete Berger will be in contact to determine timeline.
- U of MN-No news
- City of Minneapolis—EJA has proposed that the Betsy Hodges do a city Executive Order for GESP, much like Governor Dayton's executive order.
- Bond Funds—Is there any news from MMB on energy efficiency projects that are qualified bonding projects that should use GESP?

-If a project isn't on the bonding list, then bonding funds can't be used. Bond funds need to be spent within a certain amount of time. Funds need to be fully encumbered by November and 50% spent within a year's time. Riverland asked to use the bonding funds and MNSCU said "no".

-It would help to get MNSCU to agree to use bonding funds (HEAPR) as part of the GESP if the timing is right. MNSCU would probably make decisions on an individual basis.

-EJA to begin a campaign on which bonding projects to target to get decisions on using the bonding funds for GESP in order to help the process.

- Contracts Workshop—EJA has been addressing contract issues with Commerce.
- Trish suggested a discussion on Chapter Website development. A meeting will be held at noon on September 25th at the Maplewood Library, prior to the ESC meeting, to discuss/brainstorm ideas for making the ESC website a resource for performance contracting in MN, including all legislation, case studies, etc. Prior to attending this special meeting, review other chapter websites for ideas.

Discussion

- Do we want exposure to other subcontractors who can add value to our GESP projects? Further discussion needed.

Motion by Trish Curtis adjourn. Seconded by Danielle Ritter. Adjourned.