

May 18, 2009
Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way
Lansing, MI 48911
10:00 a.m.
Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair, David Walters at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Julie Baldwin, Bob Ianni, Trevor Lauer,
Mary Templeton, Tom Vitez, David Walters

Member Participating by Phone: Steve Brock, David Wright

Alternates Present: David Bertram, Alternate for Gene Jorissen

II. Webmeeting Announcement.

Christine Battiste, MPSC Staff, provided technical assistance for the webmeeting.

III. Adoption of the Agenda.

The Chair asked if there were changes, deletions or additions to the agenda.

Ms. Templeton made a motion to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lauer. The Board adopted the Agenda.

IV. Approval of the proposed minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting.

The Chair asked if there were changes, deletions or additions to the minutes. Mr. Lauer made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vitez. The Board approved the minutes.

V. Progress update and discussion with Public Sector Consultants on report preparation.

Sally Talberg (Board's Report Writer Consultant) asked the Board for input on the economic viability analysis section of the report. After a discussion, the Board opted to remove the economic analysis from the report.

Mr. Vitez mentioned that the report placed too much emphasis on the transmission challenges associated with wind development and suggested some rephrasing in various sections of the report to more correctly balance transmission with other factors that impact wind development. The Board agreed with Mr. Vitez.

The Board's resource analysis did not place any wind turbines within the boundaries of any cities or villages. This was also the situation with several townships. There was a lengthy discussion about whether cities, villages, and townships that are within one of the Board's regions from a geographic standpoint, but did not have any wind turbines

located within their boundaries, should be considered to be within the region. The Board decided that these local units of government should be considered “in the region” and opted to send a separate report cover letter to these townships, cities and villages. This separate cover letter will explain that there were no turbines placed in the township, city or village when the Board estimated the region’s wind potential.

Ms. Talberg will email local unit of government survey questions to the Board prior to the May 26 meeting. Also, she will email the revised version of the report to the Board on Friday, May 22.

VI. Discussion with LPI.

Mr. McKeown (the Board’s Wind Energy Consultant) discussed the 30 minute presentation he is preparing for the Board. The presentation will be about 15 slides and will explain how the Board determined the regions with the highest wind potential. The Board may want to present these slides at upcoming public hearings.

VII. Planning Discussion.

Mr. Lauer suggested having a public hearing in Bad Axe. The Board agreed on the following dates and general locations for public hearings:

August 24, 2009 in the Bad Axe area tentatively around 1 pm.

August 31, 2009 on the west side of the state – possibly in between the regions tentatively around 1 pm.

The Board specified that the public hearing locations should have seating for 200 people, microphones, and Powerpoint slide capability. The Board opted not to request conference call/webmeeting capability.

Ms. Baldwin will ask the MPSC’s Executive Secretary to assist with the public notice requirements for the public hearings.

The Board decided to hold a regular meeting on Monday, August 10, at 10 am.

VIII. Public Comment.

Mr. David Zwitter of Consumers Energy recommended that Exhibit 13 in the draft report clearly indicate which of the Board’s state land options was used.

At the conclusion of the public comment period, the chair asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mr. Lauer. Mr. Vitez seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.