



Legislative Energy Commission

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Minutes Legislative Energy Commission October 19, 2017

Members Present

Rep. Pat Garofalo, Co-Chair

Rep. Frank Hornstein

Rep. Tim Mahoney

Rep. Jim Newberger

Rep. Duane Quam

Sen. David Osmek, Co-Chair

Sen. Scott Dibble

Sen. John Marty

Sen. Andrew Mathews

Sen. David Senjem

Sen. Erik Simonson

Members Excused

Rep. Erin Maye Quade

Rep. Liz Olson

Rep. Joyce Peppin

Rep. Chris Swedzinski

Sen. Mike Goggin

Sen. Carrie Ruud

Sen. Dan Sparks

Rep. Garofalo called the meeting of the Legislative Energy Commission to order at 8:12 a.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2017 in the Basement Hearing Room of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

Sen. Osmek moved to approve the July 31, 2017 meeting Minutes. **Motion prevailed**

Rep. Mahoney moved to approve the September 14, 2017 meeting Minutes. **Motion prevailed**

Wind Energy/Turbine Discussion

Examination of Wind Energy Siting Issues, including Local Considerations and Health Impacts, and information on HF2170 (Drazkowski)/SF1906 (Goggin)

The following people provided testimony:

Tricia DeBleekere, Public Utilities Commission and Louise Miltich, EERA, provided an overview of the current wind permitting process.

Kristi Rosenquist, Citizen - Wind Siting Expert testified regarding the PUC Administrative Record Report

Dr. Mariana Alves-Pereira, Lusofona University, Portugal(Skype) provided testimony regarding the effects of low-frequency noise exposure on adults.

Robert Rand, Founder, Rand Acoustics (Skype audio testimony), Noise control engineer – discussed biological effects of noise.

Kris Kunkle, Regional Policy Manager – West, Wind on the Wires provided testimony regarding the benefits of wind turbines.

Michael Hankard, Wind Turbine Acoustics Consultant testified.

Dr. Mark Roberts (MD & PhD), Health Sciences Board Certified Preventative & Occupational Medicine testified that there is no proven disease related to use of wind turbines.

Rep. Schomacker testified regarding the positive impact of wind energy on his district.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.