

LEGISLATIVE ENERGY COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2014

Members Present:

Senator John Marty, Co-Chair
Representative Melissa Hortman, Co-Chair
Senator Scott Dibble
Senator David Osmek
Senator David Senjem
Senator David Tomassoni
Representative Tom Hackbarth
Representative John Petersburg
Representative Chris Swedzinski
Representative Jean Wagenius

Members Excused:

Senator David Brown
Senator Kari Dziedzic
Senator James Metzen
Senator Julie Rosen
Senator Dan Sparks
Representative David Dill
Representative Ron Erhardt
Representative Andrew Falk
Representative Pat Garofalo
Representative Jeanne Poppe

Representative Hortman called the meeting of the Legislative Energy Commission to order at 8:59 a.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 in room 200 of the State Office Building.

Presenting before the commission:

Topic: Biogas

Minnesota biogas: overview, status, opportunities and trends
Amanda Bilek – Government Affairs Manager, Great Plains Institute
Handout given to Commission members:
“Minnesota Biogas: Overview, Status, Opportunities and Trends”

Air and water quality impacts

Timothy Farnan – Principal Planner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Bruce Braaten – title, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Handout given to Commission members:

“MPCA: Water and Air Quality”

Metropolitan Council biogas energy use from digestion

Carol Mordoski – Principal Engineer, Metropolitan Council Environmental Services

Handout given to Commission members:

“Metropolitan Council Biogas Energy Use from Digestion”

Renewable gas: natural gas utility perspective

Nick Mark – Manager, Conservation & Renewable Energy Policy, CenterPoint Energy

Handout given to Commission members:

“Renewable Natural Gas: Utility Perspective”

Financing potential anaerobic digestion facilities

Peter Klein – Vice President-Finance, Saint Paul Port Authority

Handout given to Commission members:

“Financing Potential Anaerobic Digestion Facilities”

Breaking Down the Roadblocks to Renewable Natural Gas

Dr. Patrick Hirl – Senior Project Manager, Burns & McDonnell

Handout given to Commission members:

“Breaking Down the Roadblocks to Renewable Natural Gas”

Handouts given to Commission members:

“Minnesota Department of Agriculture, The On-Farm Anaerobic Digesters of Minnesota”

“Executive Director Updates”

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.