

LEGISLATIVE ENERGY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, August 4, 2009

1:00 p.m., Room 200 State Office Building

Members Present:

Senator Ellen Anderson
Senator Steve Dille
Senator John Doll
Senator Gary Kubly
Senator James Metzen
Senator David Senjem
Senator Yvonne Prettner Solon
Representative Mike Beard
Representative Kent Eken
Representative Tom Hackbarth
Representative Bill Hilty
Representative Frank Hornstein
Representative Al Juhnke
Representative Kate Knuth
Representative Doug Magnus
Representative Mary Ellen Otremba
Representative Torrey Westrom

Members Excused:

Senator Satveer Chaudhary
Senator Pat Pariseau
Senator Julie Rosen

Call to Order

Rep. Bill Hilty called the meeting of the Legislative Energy Commission to order at 1:32 pm. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Sen. Prettner Solon moved approval of the March 25, 2009 and the June 11, 2009 meeting minutes. **The Motion Prevailed.**

Adoption of Commission Rules

Sen. Prettner Solon moved to adopt JCF0032, the proposed rules of the Legislative Energy Commission.

Rep. Hilty moved the following oral amendment:

Line 1.12, after “commission” insert “or if the commission has not held a meeting for 60 days”. The Chair being in doubt of the result of the voice vote, asked for a division. There being 7 hands in favor and 8 hands against, the motion did not prevail. The amendment was not adopted.

Sen. Prettner Solon renewed her motion to adopt JCF0032, the proposed rules of the Legislative Energy Commission. **The Motion Prevailed.**

Adoption of Commission Work Plan

Rep. Hilty moved the LEC shall, in addition to other activities, undertake the tasks listed in the proposed work plan.

Rep. Knuth suggested including the impact of potential short and long term cost drivers including externalities in the framework for an integrated energy policy report. Sen. Anderson suggested adding the review of relevant federal legislation and regulation to item number two of the proposed work plan. Rep. Beard suggested deleting language in item number four of the work plan that referred to the LEC Coordinator.

Rep. Hilty incorporated the suggestions of Rep. Knuth, Sen. Anderson and Rep. Beard in his motion to adopt the proposed work plan. **The Motion Prevailed.**

Hiring Staff

Sen. Doll moved that the LEC direct the Director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission to prepare a job description for a Coordinator for the LEC and complete both a part time and full time cost estimation for the position.

Rep. Westrom requested a roll call vote. There being 10 ayes and 6 nays the **Motion Prevailed.**

Voting Aye:

Rep. Kent Eken, Rep. Bill Hilty, Rep. Frank Hornstein, Rep. Al Juhnke, Rep. Kate Knuth, Rep. Mary Ellen Otremba, Sen. Ellen Anderson, Sen. John Doll, Sen. Gary Kubly, Sen. Yvonne Prettner Solon

Voting Nay:

Rep. Mike Beard, Rep. Tom Hackbarth, Rep. Doug Magnus, Rep. Torrey Westrom, Sen. Steve Dille and Sen. David Senjem

Presentation of Destination 2025 from Bio Business Alliance of Minnesota

Dale Wahlstrom, CEO of the BioBusiness Alliance of Minnesota (BBAM), spoke to the background of BBAM highlighting the three phases of evolution: assessment, vision and roadmap, and implementation. Mr. Wahlstrom then reviewed the process and outcomes of Destination 2025 project pointing out that it is a 20 year roadmap for the life science industry in Minnesota. He then spoke to recommendations from Destination 2025 in the area of agricultural and biomass.

Gregg Mast, Senior Program Manager of BBAM, gave overview of the first recommendation from Destination 2025, sustainable biomass management. Ken Smith, SVP of Ever-Green Energy, spoke to combustible biomass and the development of the biomass industry, the second recommendation from Destination 2025. Brian Tockman, Business Development Manager at Segetis, addressed the third recommendation, engineering and end product production.

There being no further business, Rep. Hilty adjourned the meeting at 4:03 pm.