

Energy and Sustainability Task Force Meeting minutes, July 2, 2020.

Attendees: Phil Miller, Casey Lund, Steve Grainger, Scott Holmberg, Beth Rutt, Danielle Dulin, Mason Floyd.

Began meeting with general discussion about the Renewables Direct Program due to not having quorum. Overview from the Evergy web page about Renewables Direct copied and pasted below.

After Beth Rutt joined a Quorum was established.

Approval of minutes. Motion Holmberg/Rutt Approved

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Motion to request staff to set up meeting with City Manager to discuss bringing a request to council a five (5) year contract between 50 to 100 percent of city's electrical usage to be purchase from the Evergy Renewable Direct program. Holmberg/Rutt Approved.

Danielle overviewed the team's tour of potential rain garden locations and will research the ownership of the location on Hamilton Street by Maple Grove Elementary.

Thanks to Danielle for arranging the tour and spending time with the team.

Actions:

Phil, Beth and Danielle to meet with city manager to gain his perspective on the Renewables Direct motion above.

Next meeting: August 6, 2020 via Zoom

Overview information, copy and paste:

Renewables Direct is a new program that allows commercial and industrial customers to offset a percentage of their energy usage through a renewable resource. This program is designed to provide large customers a path toward their sustainability goals with abundant, affordable renewable energy.

Benefits to your business

- Renewable-sourced electricity at a price that reflects the cost of generation and delivery
- Cost-effective and customer friendly energy opportunities, all while providing clean energy to the grid
- The ability to claim a portion of the energy generated by the renewable source as their own and retain all of the renewable attributes
- Structure to add projects in the future to keep up with the growing appetite for renewable sources of our customers
- Hundreds of jobs expected as a result of construction and maintenance

This program is a good option for a wide range of customers, including manufacturing, telecommunications, government, agriculture and higher education industries, among others. In conjunction with our other economic tools, our Renewables Direct program can help attract and retain businesses in Kansas and Missouri. As many businesses set renewable energy goals, **we're here to help your organization succeed in its sustainability and clean energy growth strategies.**