

RENEWABLE ENERGY WORKING GROUP BOARD MEETING
18 February 2014 (Teleconference @ 1:00 pm CST)

AGENDA

- I. **Roll Call (Susan)**
 - A. Kimberly Wells
 - B. Jerry Roppe (Iberdrola)
 - C. Brad Romano
 - D. Tim Green
 - E. Susan Rupp
 - F. Brian Boroski

- II. **Old Business**
 - A. **Wind Farm Tour (TWS Annual Meeting) – Brad Romano**
 - 1. Relatively informal agreements exist between Mike and wind farm operators. As far as site selection, depends on: 1) size of group, 2) focus of the tour (depends on what group's interests are), and 3) most importantly, depends on each site's maintenance schedule.
 - 2. Board discussed thoughts on group size and focus of tour:
 - a. Discussed having environmental folks present (e.g., for siting protocols, issues with bats, etc.).
 - b. Discussed having somebody with Pennsylvania Game Commission to talk about existing cooperative agreements, etc., as interesting case study.
 - c. Discussed group size - most commercial busses can hold up to 55.
 - i. Smaller group would aid in communication and transportation; also have to keep groups smaller (10 – 15) when approach turbine.
 - ii. Smaller vans give us more options up front (maneuverability, reduced costs, etc.) and allow for “round-robin” speakers.
 - d. Some discussion on what participants may be willing to pay. \$50 probably too much, \$25 - \$35 more reasonable

 - B. **Reporting of minutes – Susan and Kim**
 - 1. Susan will work toward more abbreviated (or bulleted) minutes.
 - 2. Jerry moved to accept Jan. minutes, Tim seconded. So moved.

 - C. **Wildlifer article update – Brian**
 - 1. Going well! Approval by NRG to move forward with outline to cover two other projects solar concentration and PV projects.
 - 2. Will submit to board for review and vote by next meeting.

- II. **New Business (open) –**
 - A. **National Wind Coordinating Collaborative meeting (December 1, 2014) - Jerry**
 - 1. Will take place in in Broomfield, CO.

2. Jerry is on planning committee. Board members started discussing how we could coordinate our efforts with that meeting.

B. Summary table of high level impacts - Kim

1. Kim circulated table before meeting just to start discussion.
2. Board thought it could have value - especially as comparative tool. However, classifications can often be so general it is hard to apply.
3. May need a starting point for reference. We need to understand scale/scope of what we are trying to accomplish with this. Susan agreed to send out a table from a Fargione et al. (2009) Bioscience article that could be used for discussion.
4. What about going toward an “expert opinion” model?
 - a. Board discussed that is often what happens making opinions on the science we know.
 - b. May be sector-dependentsome sectors like wind have more published material with them.

III. Action Item Summary/Wrap Up

- A. Brad will call Mike and discuss some of the details about the field trip based on our discussions as well as call John at PGC and see if he is willing to give talk. Then can put together an outline to pass by board.
- B. Kim will follow up to find out when field trip proposals are due.
- C. Add NWCC meeting to March Board Meeting agenda and how to leverage what we are doing
- D. Susan will circulate Fargione et al. (2009) Bioscience article’s table.
- E. Members will think more about fact sheet of relative impacts and commit to come to next board meeting with those ideas.
- F. Board will continue to post 2 things to LinkedIn webpage per month.