

LEGISLATIVE ELECTRIC ENERGY TASK FORCE

**JUNE 11, 2007 MINUTES**

Representative Bill Hilty, called the meeting to order at 10:52 AM on June 11, 2007 in Room 200 of the State office Building.

**Members present:**

REP. DILL, David	REP. WAGENIUS, Jean
REP. HILTY, Bill	SEN. ANDERSON, Ellen
REP. BEARD, Michael	SEN. PRETTNER SOLON, Yvonne
REP. HACKBARTH, Tom	SEN. SENJEM, David
REP. HORNSTEIN, Frank	
REP. OZMENT, Dennis	
REP. PETERSON, Aaron	

**Members Absent:**

REP. RUUD, Maria	SEN. CHAUDHARY, Savtveer
REP. WESTROM, Torrey	SEN. DILLE, Steve
SEN. METZEN, James	SEN. TOMASSONI, David
SEN. PARISEAU, Pat	SEN. KUBLY, Gary
SEN. ROSEN, Julie	

A quorum was present.

**10:52 – Election of co-chairs.**

11:00 AM – The meeting recessed.

11:06 AM – The meeting was called to order

Rep. Beard nominated Rep. Hilty for co-chair.

Rep. Hilty was elected co-chair by a unanimous voice vote.

Rep. Anderson nominated Sen. Solon as acting co-chair.

Sen. Solon was nominated as acting co-chair by a unanimous voice vote.

Rep Hilty moved to approval of the minutes of June 9, 2005.

The motion prevailed the minutes were approved.

**Work Plan Proposal**

11:13 AM – Senate Counsel, John Fuller explained the Work Plan Proposal (Handout)

**Climate Change Action Plan Report.**

11:28 AM – Edward Garvey, Dept. Commissioner, Energy and Telecommunications, Dept. of Commerce presented an overview of the MN

Climate Change Action Plan Report. (Center for Climate Change Strategies, [www.climatestrategies.us](http://www.climatestrategies.us), [www.mn.climatechange.us](http://www.mn.climatechange.us)).

### **DEED Presentation**

12:18 PM – Mark Lofthus, Director of Business and Community Development, Dept. of Employment and Economic Development (DEED); 651-297-4567; [mark.lofthus@state.mn.us](mailto:mark.lofthus@state.mn.us). Mr. Lofthus presented “Minnesota’s Opportunity to Generate New Manufacturing Jobs in Wind Power” (Handout).

12:32 PM – Brian McDaniel, DEED.

### **12:38 PM – Budget**

12:45 PM – Sen Solon moved to that the co-chairs request that the LCC approve a budget of \$250,000 for the LEETF for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

THE MOTION PREVAILED.

### **12:46 PM – C-BED Advisory Task Force.**

House Staff, Andy Pomroy described the process for recommending the following people to serve on the C-BED Advisory Task Force:

- Mike Bull, Deputy Commissioner of Renewable Energy, Minnesota Department of Commerce
- Burl Haar, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
- Karen Hyde, Director of Purchased Power, Xcel Energy
- Paul Johnson, Project Leader, Minnesota Power
- Paul White, President, Project Resources Corporation
- Dan Yarano, Co-chair, Fredrikson & Byron Energy Practice Group
- Larry Johnston, Director of Corporate Development, Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency
- Glen Skarbakka, Manager of Resource Planning, Great River Energy
- Lee Sundberg, Director of Government Affairs, MREA
- Andrew Falk
- Jim Nichols, former Minnesota Commissioner of Agriculture
- Mike Franklin, Director of Energy Policy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- Beth Soholt, Director, Wind on the Wires
- Todd Velnosky, Business Development Manager – Wind Energy, John Deere Credit
- Duane Ninneman, Long Range Development Consultant, Clean Up the River Environment
- Thom Peterson, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Farmers Union
- Dan Juhl, founder, DanMar & Associates
- George Crocker, Executive Director, North American Water Office
- Mike Michaud
- Paul Blackburn, Senior Policy Analyst, Windustry
- Jeff Paulson, Principal, Jeffrey C. Paulson & Associates
- Wade Gordon, Director, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
- John Gostovich, Consultant, Fresh Energy

Sen. Solon moved to adopt the recommendation for members to serve on the C-BED Advisory Task Force, to put out an RFP for a facilitator for the C-BED Task Force; and to give the co-chairs authorization to add additional members as needed.

THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Sen. Anderson distributed the Energy Transition Roadmap Executive Summary (Handout).

Sen Solon moved that the RFP regarding the C-BED Task Force study include items # 4 and # 5 from the Work Plan.

THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**1:07 PM – Nuclear Energy Study Parameters**

Senate Counsel, John Fuller outlined issues regarding the nuclear energy study.

1:20 PM -- Sen. Solon moved to authorize the co-chairs to draft an RFP for the nuclear study with the understanding that it would be presented to task force members for input.

THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Sen. Solon announced that the next meeting of the LEETF would be sometime at the end of September.

1:30 PM – The meeting adjourned.

  
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Rep. Bill Hilty, Co-Chair

  
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Sen. Yvonne Prettner Solon