

Berea Utility Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2010

Present: Steve Boyce, Jared Carpenter, Diane Zekind, Mary Eipert, Donald Blackburn

Absent: Jerry Workman, Randy Stone

Meeting was called to order by Steve Boyce.

Agenda was distributed; agenda for each meeting is also available on the City website.

Grant Application

- Mary Eipert requested a clarification regarding the draft proposal for the Department of Local Government Grant entitled "Berea's Energy Future" as to whether it was "sponsored" by the Berea Utility Advisory Board and also asked why it went to the City Council. For the record, this grant was submitted as an individual effort by Steve Boyce and by no means was it sponsored by B.U.A.B. As part of the grant approval process, the City Council had to agree in general to the direction of the grant before it could be submitted. The City Council Meeting minutes do not reflect any involvement or support by B.U.A.B. for the grant application. The grant itself has been submitted to a clearinghouse and has cleared its 30 day approval process with no red flags. Donald Blackburn apologized for any confusion regarding the grant application (he chaired the December meeting) and did not mean to mislead anyone into B.U.A.B.'s support of its contents.

KU Proposed Rate Hike

- Donald Blackburn was asked to comment on the article that appeared in the Berea Citizen regarding a proposed rate hike that Kentucky Utilities (KU) has applied for. Donald commented that the contents of the article contained information for KU's proposed rate hike for their retail and not their wholesale customers. It will be around May 1st before Berea Municipal Utilities will find out how much the wholesale rate hike will be and when it will go into effect.

Energy Efficiency

- The remainder of the meeting revolved around the direction that B.U.A.B. wants to take in its efforts with Energy Efficiency and how best to assist Berea Utility customers. It was decided that each member will bring to the table for the next meeting five (5) suggestions on how to increase energy efficiency efforts (ex: communication, education).
- Mary Eipert mentioned that the Midwest Regional EnergyStar Conference will be held in Lexington on March 24-26 at the Hyatt. Information on the conference can be found at www.midwestenergyconference.com.

Membership

- A review of the initial charter of B.U.A.B. shows that Jerry Workman was appointed to a one year seat on the Board. Steve Boyce will contact Steve Connelly about the process to nominate and/or appoint a replacement member.
- Steve Boyce also requested that someone else take over as Chair of B.U.A.B. since he agreed to do it for one year. Mary Eipert was unanimously named the new Chair.

The next meeting for the Berea Utility Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday March 2, 2010 at the Berea Utilities Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Zekind