

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 23, 2009

A Renewable Energy (RE) Workshop was held at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, Punta Gorda, Florida.

Members present were: Chairman Duffy, Commissioner Cummings, Commissioner Loftus, Commissioner Skidmore, Commissioner Starr, County Administrator Baltz, County Attorney Knowlton, and Deputy Clerk Lansing. The following members were absent: None. Also in attendance were Senator Michael Bennett and Congressman Ken Roberson. The meeting was called to order at **1:30 PM**.

Introduction:

1:30 PM - 1:40 PM: (1:46 PM)

Jim Evetts, CC BCS

Mr. Evetts gave a brief visual presentation related to Renewable Energy and its history to date and talked about the Green Future Expo and Energy Options Conference.

1:41 - 1:50 PM: (1:53 PM)

Don Root, CC EDO

Mr. Root discussed the Green Future Expo and Energy Options Conference further and opined the importance of RE in our County as an economic choice.

Topics and Speakers:

1:51 - 2:00 PM: (1:56 PM)

Federal Incentives for RE

Craig Stanley, CBO Financial

Mr. Stanley explained the New Market Tax Credits (NMTC) program in detail via satellite, mentioned Qualified Active Low-Income Community Business (QALICB) requirements, paralleled visual slides, and answered attendee questions.

2:01 - 2:20 PM: (2:11 PM)

Renewable Portfolio Standard
Buck Martinez, FPL

Mr. Martinez commended the County for holding the Green Futures Expo, talked about Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) and its positive points, expressed concern with missed opportunities, mentioned Babcock Ranch Solar Plant, said Charlotte County has been a leader, noted the importance of public policy support, opined we need to create this industry and put Florida back to work, and answered attendee questions.

Martha Collins of The Pew Trust was unable to attend. Mr. Root read her comments into the record.

2:21 - 2:30 PM: (2:45 PM)

Federal and State Programs Supporting RE
Dell Jones, Regenes Power

Mr. Jones said Regenes Power is a renewable energy-service company, gave a brief visual presentation of its programs and projects, described solar water heaters, discussed Federal and Alternate Incentives, mentioned Regulatory Reforms are needed, and answered attendee questions.

2:31 - 2:40 PM (3:14 PM)

State Wide Rebate, Local Business Perspective
Jamie Johnson, Solar Power Electric

Mr. Johnson described the Florida Solar Rebate Program, the State Solar Rebate LCOE Analysis, and mentioned other Incentive Programs available in Florida, gave closing remarks, and answered attendee questions.

2:41 - 3:00 PM: (3:25 PM)

Financing Options for Individual Homeowners
Cisco DeVries, Renewable Funding LLC

Mr. DeVries gave a brief presentation via satellite, discussed Home and Business Energy Retrofits, mentioned lost opportunities and future challenges, described Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program, noted benefits to Property Owners, Cities and Counties, mentioned National Policy, Implementation Issues, Financing and Administration approaches and systems, and answered attendee questions. Chief Deputy White explained how

Solar Energy would impact the County and pointed out several related risk issues.

3:01 - 3:20 PM: (3:54 PM)

Charlotte County Incentives for Recruitment
Dell Jones, Regenesys Power

Mr. Jones pointed out several incentive processes and mentioned market certainty.

3:21 - 3:30 PM: (3:59 PM)

Questions from Audience:

Don White commented on the concept of "breaking even" and the need for informational standards.

3:31 - 3:50 PM (4:08 PM)

Closing/Chairman Duffy

Commissioner Skidmore thanked the Senator and others for their contribution and provided his views on the subject.

Chairman Duffy thanked participants for their presentations.

ADJOURNED: 4:12 PM

Signature on file in Commission Minutes
Chairman

ATTEST:

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EX-OFFICIO TO THE BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Deputy Clerk

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