

Berea Utility Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2010

Present: Diane Zekind, Mary Eipert, Donald Blackburn

Absent: Steve Boyce, Gina Chamberlain, Jared Carpenter, Randy Stone

Meeting was called to order by Mary Eipert.

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

Energy Star Conference

- Mary Eipert, Steve Boyce and Gina Chamberlain attended this conference held in Lexington at the end of March. Mary stated that it was an excellent conference with a lot of information presented.
- One program introduced at the Conference was the Kentucky Home Performance program. This program is coordinated through the Kentucky Housing Corp and is also funded with ARRA funds. This program will identify BPI certified building analysts along with contractors to assist with the installation of energy efficient measures to residences in KY. Homeowners will benefit from rebates and low interest funding to make recommended improvements on their homes. It was decided to contact Andrew Isaacs, Program Manager, for additional information and a possible meeting with BUAB.

Energy Star Partner and Website

- Donald Blackburn stated that the paperwork has been submitted for the Energy Star Partnership but he has not received any confirmation back yet. It was decided that brochures will be ordered and made available at the BMU and Codes offices. Stamps have been made so the brochures distributed will say "Compliments of Berea Municipal Utilities". The initial brochures that will be ordered are Duct Sealing, Home Electronics, Appliances and Seal & Insulate.
- The website designer has been selected and will be meeting soon to get the website specifications set up. The design will be interactive so it can be easily updated.

Annual Utility Power Report

- Donald Blackburn shared information submitted for the 2009 calendar year as it relates to power consumption and costs. The Summer Peak for 2009 was 24.7kW as compared to 26.1 kW for 2008 and the Winter Peak for 2009 was 34.3kW as compared to 32.0kW for 2008. There are currently 4 residential net metering customers generating <6000 kWh and one commercial (SENS House) net metering customer generating <1000 kWh.
- Total rates with the base charges rolled in came to 7.205 cents/kWh for residential customers, 7.149 cents/kWh for commercial customers and 6.648 cents/kWh for industrial customers. Bluegrass Energy comparable costs were 7.7 cents/kWh.

- On the water and sewer side, BMU was ranked with 16 other counties relative to costs. BMU ranked on the higher side, 14-15, for water (KY American was 17) but ranked on the lower side, 1-2, relative to sewer rates. Water production for 2008 was 2.671 million gallons per day and in 2009, production was 2.672 million gallons per day.

CFL Lightbulb Exchange

- The Kentucky Environmental Foundation still have the CFL bulbs for BUAB to purchase and we will only have to pay for the ones that we use.
- One date that was suggested for the exchange was June 12th. Promotional items would include a handout with the bills the last week of the month, advertising in the Berea paper and announcements at the City Council meetings. It was decided that all sales would be cash only and the prices would include sales tax.

The remaining items on the agenda, display at library and recycling of CFL's, will be included on the May agenda.

The next meeting for the Berea Utility Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday May 25, 2010 at the Berea Utilities Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Zekind