



## Tucson/Pima County Metropolitan Energy Commission

### Minutes

Thursday, 15-Jan-15; 7:45 am – 9:45 am  
Ward III Council Office  
1510 E. Grant Rd., Tucson, AZ 85719

Minutes approved Thursday 19-Feb-15

Bruce Plenk  
Solar Enthusiast

Carol Larson, P.E.  
GLHN Architects & Engineers

David Gebert  
Tucson Electric Vehicle Assoc.

Hank Krzysik, AIA  
Architect

Javier Lopez  
JAL Construction

Jerry Kachenko  
Arizona Petroleum

Matthew McDonnell  
Attorney

Michael Baruch  
Tucson Electric Power Company

Neil Markowitz  
Envir. Education Exchange

Nicole Sweeney  
Sustainability Professional

Norma Gutierrez  
Southwest Gas

Robert Bulechek, Chair  
Energy Efficiency Consultant

Susanne Cotty, Secretary  
Ward 4 Representative

*Ex-officio members*

Vinnie Hunt, Treasurer  
City of Tucson  
Architecture & Engineering Div.

Jing Luo  
Sustainability & Energy  
Management Office  
Pima County Wastewater

#### 1. Call to Order - Role Call/Political Contacts/Introduction of Guests

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bulechek, chair, at 8:05 a.m. A quorum was established. Members present: Plenk, Gebert, Krzysik, Lopez, Kachenko, McDonnell, Baruch, Markowitz, Gutierrez, Bulechek, and Cotty. Ex-officio members present: Hunt and Luo. Guests: Dave Martin, Pima County, David Schaller, Southern Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce, Ron Proctor, Tucson Climate Change Committee.

#### 2. Approval of TPCMEC Minutes: 20-Nov-14 Meeting

Motion made by Plenk to approve the Nov. 20, 2014, meeting minutes; seconded by Krzysik. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

#### 3. Treasurer's Report – Vinnie Hunt

Mr. Hunt reported that the account balance is \$5,437.24, reflecting the \$107 payment for the TPCMEC Web page annual renewal.

#### 4. 2015 TPCMEC Officers Election

Motion made by Kachenko to nominate Mr. Bulechek as Chair; seconded by Plenk. Members voted unanimously to reelect Mr. Bulechek as TPCMEC Chair. Motion made by Kachenko to elect Ms. Cotty as Vice-Chair; seconded by Lopez. Members voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Cotty as Vice-Chair. Motion made by Lopez to elect Mr. McDonnell as Secretary; seconded by Lopez. Members voted unanimously to appoint Mr. McDonnell as Secretary.

#### 5. TEP Efficiency & Solar Programs Update

Mr. Baruch summarized the 2015 TEP Energy Efficiency Program approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission in Dec. 2014. New commercial programs include incentives for installing energy efficient compressors and condensers and a retro-commissioning program that identifies opportunities to save energy at existing facilities. New residential programs include discounted LED lighting, appliance recycling and incentives for purchasing energy efficient pool pumps.

Motion made by Plenk for TPCMEC/utilities to host a contractor educational seminar in the spring 2015 to provide information on cooling/heating installation techniques to promote energy efficiency; seconded by Cotty. Motion passed unanimously by members.

## **6. John Farrell ILSR Tucson Public Event – Ron Proctor**

Mr. Proctor announced that John Farrell, Policy Director, Institute for Local Self-Reliance, was invited by Sustainable Tucson to give several local presentations on Minneapolis's clean energy partnership and meet with local elected officials and regional suitability representatives from Feb. 17- 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Farrell will be summarizing the novel franchise agreement established between two Minneapolis public utilities and the City to integrate clean energy use and to collaborate on reaching Minneapolis' greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Motion made by Plenk to use \$500 of TPCMEC funds to offset some of Mr. Farrell's expenses for his Tucson trip; seconded by Lopez. The motion was approved by a majority of the members; one abstention.

## **7. 2015 TPCMEC Retreat**

A proposal was made to have a spring TPCMEC member retreat. A discussion ensued but no action was taken.

## **8. City of Tucson Energy Projects – Vinnie Hunt**

Jason Laros, Tucson Energy Manager, is presenting the City's two-year Energy Plan to City managers. The City's LED streetlight program is continuing and the Tucson Utility Management Software (TUMS) program will roll out officially in Feb. 2015.

## **9. Pima County Energy Projects – Jing Luo**

The Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (RWRD) received approval to install solar energy units on 3 subregional wastewater reclamation centers. Operation of the units is pending permit approvals. RWRD has contracted with a consultant to evaluate the feasibility of using hydroelectric power as an RWRD energy source.

## **10. Project: Tucson Renewable Energy Goal – Bruce Plenk**

No report given.

## **11. Project: Public Forum – Tucson's Energy Future – Robert Bulechek**

<http://www.sundayeveningforum.com>

No report given.

## **12. Call to the Audience/Announcements**

No comments provided.

## **13. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.