

Energy Innovation Task Force (EITF) Meeting Notes
September 9, 2016
10:00am-12:00pm

Members in Attendance: Brownie Newman, Jason Walls, Dave Hollister, Ed Katz, Sonia Marcus, Jane Hatley, Kelly Martin, Sam Ruark, Sonya Greck

Members introduced themselves and Brownie Newman and Jason Walls provided a welcome and an overview of the agenda for the meeting.

Rick Clemenzi and Robert Sipes from the Technology Working Group gave a presentation on the work that has been done by the work group. The presentation included an overview of technologies available to move forward in addressing energy reduction. Two types of technologies were explained; electric PV and thermal. When discussing electric PV, the technology work group explained solar options, battery services and storage, and hydro plants. When discussing thermal, the group discussed heat pump water heaters, solar hot water heaters, thermal HVAC, and geothermal options.

The Programs Working Group also reported out and expressed a need for a Duke representative at their next meeting. The group discussed community-based energy efficiency programs and described models found in other communities. Subgroups, such as a Residential Low-income Subgroup was also discussed.

Virginia Lacy from the Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) discussed RMI's role in supporting the Energy Innovation Task Force. RMI is a nonprofit founded 35 years ago that works as a think and do tank – applying ideas that drive the transformation of the US global energy system. Ms. Lacy presented on the EITF model and described ways that RMI will support the group. The group then discussed the EITF's ability to complete a work plan and the role of work groups.

E. DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Timothy Saddler provided an update on Industrial Hemp and a pilot program in 2017. Mr. Saddler explained how hemp can help in solar and battery technology.

Mr. Rick Clemenzi provided an update about lining up to speak with the City on PACE and on bill financing.