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Decorah Municipal Electric Utility (MEU) Task Force
City Hall Council Chambers/ Electronic Meeting
Wednesday June 29, 2022

Present: Task force members Carly Hayden Foster, Larry Grimstad, Doug Hamilton, Andy Johnson, Kristine Kopperud, and Karen McLean were present. Also in attendance were Mayor Lorraine Borowski, City Manager Travis Goedken, Sustainability Chair Jim Martin Schram, and City Council Liaison Steven Zittergruen.

- Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM by Chair Hayden Foster.
- M/S/P approval of May 5, 2022 meeting minutes
- Future Educational Sessions
 - o Chair Hayden Foster announced the next educational session will feature Maquoketa MEU on July 7, 2022 at 5:15 PM. She will be preparing a press release related to the event. Travis will be checking with Chopper to make sure he is available for this event to address any Zoom technical issues because the presenter from Maquoketa will be virtual.
 - o Spencer and MiEnergy are also confirmed presenters, but dates have not been finalized.
 - o Alliant has accepted the invitation to present answers to the questions posed by the education subcommittee; however, they want to wait until the IUB complaint filed by the City of Decorah has been resolved.
- Feedback on two previous educational sessions.
 - o Questions asked of the presenters are appropriate
 - o Consistency of questions from session to session viewed as a positive
 - o Can we create some sort of Executive Summary for each presentation?
 - Kristine suggested we use some of the USDA grant money to pay someone to review the recordings and outline the major points in the presentation along with corresponding recording time stamps indicating where the presenter(s) made a particular point. Kristine to work with Karen on identifying someone who might have the skill set for this task.
 - Steve suggested that if the recordings were on the City's YouTube channel, a transcript of the presentation could easily be obtained which would be an asset in creating the executive summary.
- Update on USDA grant – the grant was for a 12-month period which has ended. We have not yet spent any of the money on the educational series because presenters up to this point have presented virtually. Kristine has worked with Travis to file the

paperwork for a 12-month no-cost extension, and that extension has been granted. The funds are now available through June 2023.

- Schedule for next meeting was discussed. Next meeting will be held on August 17th at 9:30 AM.
- Chair Hayden Foster noted that when Task Force members agreed to serve, the expectation was that the Task Force's work would be completed in about 12 months. The Task Force has now been meeting for 18 months and it does not appear that group is close to completing its charges. Therefore, in consideration of task force members time and other commitments, Chair Hayden Foster suggested that somewhere down the road, members be asked if they wish to leave the task force, freeing their time to address other priorities, or if they would want to recommit to the task force until it has completed its charges.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM.