
City of Bethel, Alaska

Energy Committee

August 31, 2010

Special Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Energy Committee held on August 31, 2010 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall Conference Room, Bethel, Alaska.

Chair, Leif Albertson called the meeting to order at 6:48pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Compromising a quorum of the Committee, the following members were present for roll call:

Present:

Jody Malus

Leah Walsh

Shari Neth Leif Albertson

No quorum

Absent:

Mary Weiss

Greg McIntyre

Heather Pike

Martin Leonard

Ex-Officio members present were the following:

Maggie Murray

III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED:		
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	No quorum	

V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOVED:		
SECONDED:		
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION	No quorum	

MOVED:	Jody Malus	Motion to move Committee as a whole
SECONDED:	Leah Walsh	
VOTE ON MAIN MOTION		
No Quorum		

VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Doug Huntman from the DEC to Speak on Solid Waste Issues and Potential Solutions For Our Community

-Members present and Doug Huntman and Kit Persson were introduced. Doug Huntman is an Environmental Specialist with ADEC. He visits all the landfills in the Bethel region. He completes inspections and helps with technical assistance. He helps people get set up with grants. Doug has visited our landfill and has covered our area over the past 4 years. The landfill in Bethel has improved by putting barriers around the landfill to knock down much of the windblown landfill litter. A scale from 1-100 Bethel gets a high 80. The purpose of this meeting is to talk about next steps.

Doug addressed how the landfill can expand in three ways:

1. Household Hazardous Waste Collection
2. Cooking Oil
3. Antifreeze

- When talking about Household Hazardous Waste Collection this would be paints, bug repellent, chemicals, pesticides, propane canisters. These things would go to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection. The ideal spot would be the Landfill. It is not too crowded and there is plenty of room. In Anchorage there is a reuse center. People can come in and get there supplies and for free. The shelving which the supplies are stored is the only portion at cost.
- When talking about cooking oil. We want to prevent liquid going into the landfill due to attracting animals. In the lower 48 it is used as fuel. There should be a system in place for restaurants on what they should do with cooking oil. We should collect it and use it to heat up the City shop with the stove oil burner.
- When talking about antifreeze we are talking about more cabs per capita than New York City. All of them use antifreeze. No one knows what happens to the antifreeze. Yukon River Inner Tribal Water Shed Council recycles antifreeze with a machine. You pour the antifreeze into the machine. It filters and comes out clean and can be resold. The City may be able to get a small grant from Denali Commission or ANTHC for this type of machine. USDA RD has money available and may be a good contact.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting on September 7, 2010



Leif Albertson, Chair

ATTEST:



Maggie Murray, Recorder