

Cost of Energy to the Community September 19

The meeting was called to order by the committee chairman, Steve Haagenson, at 7:00 A.M.

Attendees: Steve Haagenson, Tom Irwin, Jack Hebert, Henry Cole, William Sackinger, Rick Solie.

Steve and Jim Dodson discussed the need to focus on developing a summary report that would be appropriate for presentation at the general meeting scheduled for October 31, 2006. To help facilitate this work, Steve presented a "Base Case" program he developed for the Cost of Energy committee. This spread sheet evaluates the source of energy, the consumption of energy and the impacts to residential, commercial and industrial users for three major areas, 1) electrical, 2) space heating, and 3) transportation.

Discussion centered on the scope of the impact, interior versus state comparisons, and energy available versus energy used. The committee decided that the three areas of electrical, space heating, and transportation were appropriate and these should be evaluated as interior issues. The discussion was much more complex when deciding on how to evaluate the amounts of energy available versus energy used and what would be a correct comparison. Several production and consumption numbers were needed to advance the program.

Sources of energy discussed included petroleum, coal, natural gas, hydroelectric, geothermal, and wood.

Steve asked for help in finding production and consumption numbers and said he would continue to improve the spread sheet for the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 A.M.