

Science/Technology/Innovation (STI) Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2013

The Science/Technology/Innovation (STI) Committee meeting was held in the Madison-Jefferson County Extension office conference room at 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 10th. Participants were Tom Harrington, Ted Dodge, Todd Breitenfeldt, Charmaine Weyer, Tom Phillips, Leonard Wortman and Sherri Rhodes.

Todd B. updated the committee on the wind tower project at the school. They are looking into interfacing with the tower to track the generated power. They would like to install a weather station with cameras in the future. Montana Power and the company who built the wind tower would like to do a ribbon cutting ceremony soon. Todd mentioned that he plans to create a Facebook page for the school wind tower and weather station. He stated that funding challenges continue at the school, but that he did receive a grant for his summer weed project and plans to hire 3 or 4 students to work with him through the summer. Tom H. mentioned the wind technology/Co-gen system being used in some Eastern US schools, and how we might be able to use that model here to create an energy savings at the school. Todd would like to write a CDBG grant proposal to help with the high school heater issues.

Tom H. provided an update on the status of the Borden Hotel project. The architect and JLDC staff is holding interviews with six contractors tomorrow. The architect has incorporated alternative energy components into the design, and will be looking for a contractor willing and experienced in the LEED project design.

Tom updated the committee regarding the LGT team here today for CTAC meeting and a SBP tour.

Leonard W. updated the committee on slough funding status at the Legislature.

Ted D. updated on the Jefferson River ground study application is moving through the legislature and the Boulder project is wrapping up. The sedimentation funding is also working through the legislature. Ted D. mentioned the Jefferson River Rally and Safety Fair would be held on April 26th at the Community Center. He has tickets being sold in many locations for the GSM gold coin raffle. JRR has a website and the event is being promoted there as well as posters, radio, tv and flyers being sent home with area school students. Ted mentioned that the Jefferson Canal Conversion survey will start this week. They expect the design by this spring, and construction in the fall.

The meeting was productive and ended with the approval of the March 2013 meeting minutes. The next meeting will be held in the Extension office conference room Wednesday, May 8th at 7:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Rhodes