

Richland County

Finance & Personnel Standing Committee

June 21st, 2022

The Richland County Finance and Personnel Standing Committee convened on Tuesday, June 21st, 2022, at the Phoenix Center at 100 S Orange Street, in person, via videoconference and teleconference.

Committee members present by roll call vote included County Board Supervisors Marty Brewer, Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Steve Carrow, Melissa Luck, Timothy Gottschall and David Turk.

Department heads, staff and public present were Administrator Clinton Langreck. Those in attendance by video/teleconference included: Assistant to the Administrator Cheryl Dull taking minutes Barb Scott was present from MIS running the teleconferencing.

Not present: Gary Manning, Marc Couey and Steve Williamson.

1. **Call to Order:** Committee Chair Brewer called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. requesting roll call.
2. **Proof of Notification:** Chair Brewer verified that the meeting had been properly noticed. Copies of the agenda were sent by email and/or by packet to all Committee members, WRCO, County department heads, Richland Observer, Valley Sentinel and a copy was posted on the Courthouse Bulletin Board.
3. **Agenda Approval:** Chair Brewer asked for approval of the agenda. Moved by Supervisor Turk to approve the agenda, second by Supervisor Luck. All voting aye, motion carried.
4. **Discussion and possible action on Pine Valley Solar Project** – Tom Rislow is requesting to enter into an agreement with Solar Connection, Inc. from Onalaska, Wisconsin, for the construction of a 180 kw DC (approximately 150 kw AC) Solar Array, to be ground mounted on Pine Valley property east of County O, for a sum of \$296,153.

Funding will come from Focus on Energy grant estimated to be \$42,970, Solar for Good grant of \$51,000 which was already included in construction contract numbers, Pine Valley Foundation of \$100,000 and pledged designated gifts of \$50,000 each from Ray Schmitz and Bob Simpson. The remaining \$159,436 to come from Pine Valley's capital account.

The break-even point will be in year 10, as compared to year 13 from previous financial plan. There will be approximately 334 solar panels on .3 of an acre. Percentage of annual electrical needs estimated to be provided by the solar array is a 17% annual savings, which calculated to be \$17,353 in 2023. Each year after the savings are estimated to increase by 2%.

Supervisor Severson expressed some concerns on the location. Tom reviewed why the current location was chosen.

Moved by Supervisor Turk to approve the request, 2nd by Supervisor Carrow. Moved by Supervisor Turk to amend the motion to include a \$6,253 fee for Legacy Solar be added to the Resolution, 2nd by Supervisor Carrow. Motion carried to amend the motion. Motion carried to include the fee to Legacy Solar on the Resolution and send to County Board at 7:00 p.m. for approval.

5. **Public Comment:** Chair Brewer called for any public comment. Hearing none, public comment was closed.
6. **Adjournment:** Moved by Supervisor Murphy-Lopez to adjourn at 6:44 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Turk. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Cheryl Dull
Richland County Assistant to the Administrator