

**To be Determined Energy.....COMMITTEE**  
**April 13, 2006 2-3:30 p.m.**  
**AGENDA**

**I. Confirm Agenda-**

- 1. Approval of March 3 minutes**

**II. Committee Reports**

- 1. Utilities having assistance programs- Jan, Judi, Brenda & Linda**
- 2. Report-models of committee formation/cooperative type programs- Judi**

**III. Committee Formation:**

- 1. Solidify the vision, mission and goals of Committee**
- 2. Final selection of committee name- Nebraska Energy Alliance, Energy Resources Council or other suggestions?**
- 3. Plans for future meetings and location**

**IV. New Business**

- 1. Brainstorm ideas for 2006 long and short term goals**

**V. Committee Responsibilities/Follow-up**

**VI. Future Meeting's and Plans**

**VII. Adjourn**

## Energy Alliance of Nebraska

Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2006

### Present:

Jan Davis, Aquila, Jane Krenke, Aquila, Rick Cheloha, Loup Power, Judi Sorensen, OPPD, Jono Anzalone, ARC, Laura Demman, NPSC, Jeff Wibel, Salvation Army, DeVonne Ksiazkiewicz, Northwestern Energy, Brenda Brabec, NPPD,

On the phone: Mary Arnold Gwen Kautz, Dawson Power.

Judi Sorenson called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read Jan Davis moved to approve the minutes. Andrea Billeter second.

Introductions were made for the benefit of new attendees: Jane Krenke, Aquila; Rick Cheloha, & DeVonne.Ksiazkiewicz.

- Jan: Identification of utilities with energy assistance programs:

First report referred to the identification of municipalities in the state and what types of assistance they have access to. Jan provided a sheet with the names and agencies identified.

Committee members will contact Norris, Cuming, Hastings, Cornhusker and LES since they appear to sponsor energy assistance programs.

- Judi: Models of committee formations: Questions we need to ask...”what should we look like?”

Researched how coalitions were formed, what national models they followed :Handouts were provided outlining discussions with the National Fuel Funds Network, National Fire Protection Assoc ( possible participation) state models and profiles of charitably funded energy assistance programs, Additional handouts detailing “Effective Bill Based Fundraising plus sample programs; Project Harmony, NE Department of Energy Weatherization Program, Mid American Assistance Coalition (MAAC) and MACLink. Pete Davis with the NE Department of Energy oversees weatherization programs for the state. His office is willing to participate in programs that pertain to weatherization.

- Currently OPPD and Salvation Army are the only two members of the NFFN from Nebraska. George Coling, Executive director of NFFN encourages all to join.

### **Round table comments**

- Judi-** Judi will be attending the National Fuel Funds conference June 11-15<sup>th</sup> in Washington D.C.
- Voiced the need to determine our Mission-Vision and Name
- Jan-** Utilize team building to get the committee to the right place
- Jeff-** Vision- Why are we here?
- Jan-** Discussion about Mission statement and how to word

Much discussion about Mission statement, should it only apply to residential customers? Include commercial, should it include the term “energy needs?” All agreed that the Mission statement must be clear and simple, but can always be changed.

### **Name Approval**

It was decided to re-write the Mission Statement. Jeff Wibel will initiate re-write and provide to committee members prior to the next meeting.

The group determined after minimal discussion to adopt the name **EAN or Energy Alliance of Nebraska** as our official name.

Further questions: Do we need an agreement or a charter? Do we need governance? Judi has a simple agreement that might work, will bring draft to May meeting.

### **Committee responsibilities**

Something to think about:

What is our focus? What are our individual interests? Bring to the table tasks that we can each do to enhance our new committee. Everyone should e-mail each other on possible activities/events the committee might undertake over the next 12 months.

### **Next Meeting**

Will be held at Aquila, 1600 Windhoek Dr, Lincoln, NE @ 2:00 pm. Jane Krenke and Jan Davis to host and facilitate. Meeting date May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006

On-going meetings are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

