



Nebraska Energy ASSISTANCE NETWORK

NEAN Meeting Notice

Thursday May 10, 2007

11 a.m. – 2:30 PM

HHSS - State Office Building

301 Centennial Mall South

Lincoln, NE

Office: 402-362-5548

Lunch is provided, courtesy of Kinder Morgan, so we need your **RSVP by Tuesday, May 8, 2007 to mike.kelly@hss.ne.gov or (402) 402-471-9262**. Meeting Minutes from the April 12 meeting are attached. The meeting will begin promptly at 11 a. m. and conclude by 2:30 p.m.

PARKING: Public Parking is available (for a fee) on the North side of “M” Street, between 13th & 14th Streets.

NOTE: Energy Education Committee members will meet prior to the general NEAN meeting at 9:30 a.m. (same location).

MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:

- By-laws & Articles of Incorporation
- Committee reports

We look forward to seeing you at the HHSS office in Lincoln on May 10. Please forward this as an invitation to others that may be interested. Should you have any questions, please call.

Judi Martin, NEAN Chair
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Interested parties are invited to join us and learn how we can work together to meet the mission of the Nebraska Energy Assistance Network: To assist Nebraskans meet energy needs through education, collaboration and advocacy.

NEAN Meeting Notes – Lincoln
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Attendance:

Marge Buescher	Catholic Social Services (mbuescher@cssisus.org)
Rick Cheloha	Loup Power District
Jan Davis	Aquila
Pete Davis	Nebraska Energy Office
Dave DeBoer	M.U.D.
Linda Eidem	NorthWestern Energy
Cory Fuehrer	NPPD
Ronda Jaeschke	(soon to be SourceGas) Kinder Morgan – Kearney
Paul Johnson	Aquila
Mike Kelly	HHSS
Bill Lucke	Aquila
Clarice Mackey	Salvation Army
Judi Martin	OPPD
Mari Matulka	M.U.D.
Peggy Mlady	Goldenrod Hills Community Action (fsl@gpcom.net)
Shirley Niemeyer	University of NE – Lincoln Extension (last 30 minutes)
John Turner	Region V Systems
Diane Vesely-Robb	Lincoln Action Program

Next NEAN Committee Meeting: Thursday, June 14, 2007 – 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
UNL College of Education and Human Science
Hosted by: Shirley Niemeyer
UNL East Campus, Lincoln, NE

- Parking in visitors' spaces (Refer to "Parking" instructions in meeting announcement)
- Maps attached to meeting announcement

- I.** Meeting called to order by Judi Martin
- II.** Introductions
- III.** Minutes accepted from April Meeting
- IV.** Executive Committee Report
 - a. Creighton Law provided Articles of Incorporation and sample By-Laws
 - b. Cory discussed invoices and first year anticipated expenses
- V.** Committee Reports
 - a. Membership Committee
 - i. Char and Ronda in transition from KinderMorgan to SourceGas
 - ii. Working on brochure
 - b. Energy Education Committee
 - i. Met just prior to this meeting
 - ii. Follow-up surveys to last year's forums sent – more than 40% response rate
 - iii. Number of kits remaining (Cory has 110 in York – others should report their supply)
 - iv. Judi reported on Energy Savings Potential proposal with UNO
 1. They approved but want to target only metro-Omaha
 2. Judi will propose entire OPPD service area
 3. Judi will visit with Jerry Deichert to see how data can be extrapolated across rest of state
 - v. Mike Kelly discussed Affordability Study

- c. Weatherization Committee
 - i. Jan Davis and Paul Johnson discussed concerns that since NEAN has not established insurance protection yet, liability in affecting private property a concern – suggest individual utilities do this
 - ii. For now, NEAN should stick to education
 - iii. Committee will look at how work could be done through NEO, Lincoln Action

Lunch 11:45 – 12:15 Thank you, SourceGas/Kinder Morgan!

- d. Energy Education Committee – cont'd
 - i. Rick led discussion on changing NEAN EEC Mission to **“The Mission of the Energy Efficiency Committee is to motivate Nebraskans to use energy wisely.”**
 - ii. The word “conservation” has been removed from most locations because of the feeling it creates negative connotations.
 - iii. Additional forums being pursued
 - iv. Rick has EE presentations from Sheila Nelson and Bob Russkamp, but could not show them because someone from NPPD forgot to return proxima cord to Cory Fuehrer
 - v. Rick shared brochures on energy efficiency
- e. Energy Assistance/Advocacy Committee
 - i. Discussion on who to send “shut off” information to. It was pointed out that this agenda item was to find out whether utilities could provide this info. To varying degrees, this information is available and will be discussed further at the next committee meeting. Mike Kelly also suggested working through the nine community action agencies across the state for some of this information. It was noted that we should be prepared to answer the question, “Why are we collecting this information and what will it be used for?”. Answer: “To assure we are applying funds in the best manner. Also, to bring attention to this concern” We would like to be able to expand the number benefited through these funds. The Energy Assistance Committee will draft a protocol for the use of this information. Linda Eidem pointed out that assistance is only a bandaid. Unless we fix the problem, it will continue to be. Discussion concluded with the decision that utilities would begin providing this information to the Energy Assistance Committee in August or as soon as the protocol is established.
- f. Resource Clearinghouse Committee
 - i. Cory read Gwen’s report
 - ii. Judi wanted to know whether an interactive bulletin board/discussion page could be developed for the member’s only side. She also noted it would be good to be able to post meeting documents in the website rather than email them each time. Then, everyone could print their own copies for meetings.
- g. Grant Committee
 - i. Shirley noted that there are plenty of grants to apply for. Those interested may talk with her
- h. Administrative Committee
 - i. Need to clean distribution lists up. Jan and Sheila working with brochure sections.
 - ii. Jan talked through the Articles of Incorporation
 - iii. Cory, Jan and Sheila will began work on the By-Laws and strive to have a mark-up ready for review before the end of June.

VI. Grants:

- Grant under review

VII. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.