

LINN COUNTY RENEWABLE ENERGY REVIEW COMMITTEE

Jean Oxley Public Service Center

Informal Board Room

March 8, 2023

10am to noon

Battery Energy Storage Systems Meeting #4
Meeting Summary



Battery Energy Storage System Discussion

- The BESS committee approved the summary from their March 1, 2023 meeting, with several revisions/additions regarding the Emergency Response discussion from the previous meeting.

Meeting Attendees:

BESS Committee Members

- Sara Alden
- Bruce Lindholm
- Junior Luensman
- Steve Myres

Planning and Development Staff

- Stephanie Lientz



BESS Statement Discussion

Primarily the discussion centered around how to craft statements related to BESS committee priorities (see below).

STATEMENT TOPICS

•Hazards

- Hazard Mitigation Analysis
- Containment run-off catch basin
- signage - hazards, suppression system, emergency contact number, update when company changes

•Emergency Operations/Response Plan

- Alert system for residents (within certain distance)
- Provide training and supplies needed for emergency responders
- Pro-active/continued (annual) first responder engagement - EPRI
- Notification of county entity(ies) of incident
- Cybersecurity
- require updates

•Decommissioning

- proof of disposal
- bond if part of larger RE project

•Setbacks / noise

- Support setbacks from roadway traffic and residents
- variable depending on battery size and hazard mitigation analysis
- Battery system placement when part of a larger renewable energy project
- decibel measurement - from where? from the residence? the property line?
- lines underground to extent feasible

•Screening/aesthetics

- landscaping buffer/screening outside

Committee Priorities:

- Safety – public and first responders
 - Setbacks
 - Gas detection/monitoring - redundancy
 - Emergency management plan – include blast radius info.
- Environmental
- Standards/References

BESS Committee

The BESS Committee discussed desired outcomes of the next meeting on March 13:

- The group agreed they want to work towards developing their Statements for all priorities. The revised draft set of statement topics was saved to the Google drive for further review outside of meetings. Again, it was noted that statements can evolve, they are not final until the committee's work is complete.
- Committee members will continue to review documents prior to the next meeting, including ordinance and emergency response plan examples.
- Staff indicated they would continue looking for relevant documents, and will share any new documents in the Google drive folder.
- A Doodle Poll will be sent to schedule another meeting the week of March 20.

Meeting Dates

- Meeting #1 – January 26 (completed)
- Meeting #2 – February 8 (completed)
- Meeting #3 – February 22 (canceled due to weather)
- Meeting #3 rescheduled – March 1 (completed)
- Meeting #4 – March 8 (completed)
- Meeting #5 – March 13
- Other Meeting Dates TBD

Note: Staff will be updating the Board of Supervisors on committee progress at a regular meeting at the end of March. **Staff will notify committee members of the meeting date.** These meetings are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Formal Board Room at the Public Service Center. All committee members are invited to attend.