

Indiana Wind Working Group
8th Meeting minutes
12/14/2007

Group networking from 9:30 to 10:00 am. with light refreshments provided by OED.

Introduction:

Ryan Brown welcomed the group and gave an overview of the plans for the Indiana Wind Conference tentatively scheduled for late April 2008.

Sponsors are still needed to assist with the social events for the conference.

News:

On December 13, 2007 the new energy bill moved through Congress after the RPS was stripped from the bill.

The Federal government believes the RPS should be set at the state level.

The expiration deadline for the Production Tax Credit for wind energy was not extended past December 31, 2008.

Speaker Highlights:

Larry Flowers from Wind Powering America, National Renewable Energy Lab. Larry talked about the 20% wind industry vision, where we are now and where we have to go to make this happen in the future. The USA is currently averaging 1% of its energy from wind.

Jeff Anthony, Manager of Utility Programs and Policy- American Wind Energy Association. Jeff talked about National and state wind policies, what makes an effective RPS and the issues surrounding the manufacturing of wind turbines. Currently most of the wind turbines are produced outside of the USA, one of our challenges is to encourage industry to produce wind turbines in the United States

A brief question and answer period for both Larry and Jeff followed the discussion.

Larry Flower's and Jeff Anthony's presentations will be posted on the website.

The meeting was adjourned 30 minutes early giving the members a chance to network with each other and to talk to Larry and Jeff.

Upcoming Events:

IWWG's next meeting will be Friday January 18, 2007

Indiana Government Center South

Indianapolis, In.

9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wind Conference 2008 Planning Meeting