

Mountain Maryland Energy Advisory Committee

September 17, 2014, 3:00 p.m., Garrett Information Enterprise Center, McHenry, Maryland

Meeting Minutes

Committee members attending: Mike Koch, Mike Dreisbach, Rodney Glotfelty, Eric Guthrie, Tim Carney, Paul Durham

Committee members not in attendance: Jo Gilman, David Dorsey, Bob Sutton, Jim Torrington, Dr. Stephen Hartlaub, Dr. Ed Gates

Others attending: Jeff Simcoe, Cheryl DeBerry, Andrea Varrato, Joey James, Senator George Edwards, Robin Summerfield

Approval of August meeting minutes ([Attachment A](#)):

A motion was made by Mike Dreisbach, seconded by Paul Durham, to approve the minutes. The motion was passed by a majority of the vote.

Presentation by Rebecca Rush and Rick Lank from DERP Technologies ([Attachment B](#)):

Rebecca Rush and Rick Lank from DERP technologies presented a PowerPoint ([Attachment C](#)) on the role that microgrids can play in emergency preparedness. They discussed the current grid system and how emergency preparedness microgrids fit into this system. They also provided examples of existing microgrid systems and engaged committee members in conversations about microgrid use. Ms. Rush and Mr. Lank provided committee members with informational handouts on various topics, including Maryland resilience leadership ([Attachment D](#)) and DERP Technologies' Safe Haven Microgrid projects ([Attachment E](#)).

Discuss the outcomes from the September 9 Garrett County Board of Commissioners meeting, including next steps

Mr. Simcoe provided committee members with an overview of the September 9, 2014 Garrett County Board of Commissioners meeting in which he presented one-page documents that committee members assembled for each initiative. Mr. Simcoe discussed the Mountain Maryland Solarize Project, the Mountain Maryland Energy Efficiency Project, and the Biomass Energy Project with Garrett County Commissioners and found that these ideas were favorable. Committee members discussed the possibility of presenting the one-page initiatives to the Allegany County Commissioners.

Discuss the next MMEAC priority energy initiatives

Committee members were asked to nominate via email their most favored remaining initiatives. The top two ideas included a business park solar initiative and a solar crowdfunding project for the public library. These ideas were briefly discussed. Committee members were informed that the October meeting will not be held due to a conflict with the Maryland Clean Energy Summit ([Attachment F](#)). Mr. Simcoe and two committee members will attend this event. A presentation on the summit will take place during the November meeting.

Public comment:

No public comment was offered during this meeting.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Eric Guthrie, seconded by Paul Durham, to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm.