



GOODHUE COUNTY MINNESOTA

TO EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE THE SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELL-BEING OF OUR RESIDENTS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

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AUGUST 9, 2018
9:30 A.M.

1. Local Experiences as Solar Garden Subscribers.

Documents:

[Community Solar Garden Subscriber Experiences.pdf](#)

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TO: Honorable County Commissioners
Scott Arneson, County Administrator

FROM: Greg Isakson, Public Works Director

RE: 09 Aug 18 Committee of the Whole Meeting
**Local Government Experience with
Subscribing to a Community Solar Garden**

Date: 31 Jul 18

In 2016 the County issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Subscription to a community solar garden. Four responses to the RFP were received and reviewed by the Board at several meetings in late 2016. Each proposal made different assumptions in the growth of electric costs and offered different proposed rates. After much discussion, the Board did not select a proposer to begin contract negotiations, and the concept died due to a lack of action.

Xcel made substantial changes to their community solar garden program in 2017 resulting in smaller gardens and a new method to reimburse the solar garden developers for the energy.

Nokomis Partners gave a presentation at a Committee of the Whole on 17 Apr 18 concerning a Community Solar Garden Subscription that is based on Xcel's new program that buys electricity based on the Value of Solar (VOS).

The Board then discussed this issue again at their meeting on 05 Jun 18 and requested staff to invite several local agencies who are subscribers to join the Board in a discussion of their experiences as subscribers.

Jay McCleary from the City of Red Wing will be joined by Kevin Johnson and Jackie Paradis from the Red Wing School District at this Committee of the Whole to discuss their experiences as subscribers to a community solar garden.