

Meeting Minutes
Prairie State Local Government Sustainability Network
Wednesday, March 15th, 2017
3:00—4:00 pm

Facilitator: KC Doyle, *Cook County*
Recorder: Cecilia Govrik, *Kane County*
Speaker: Eoin Burke, *E-Quantum Consulting, LLC*
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Participants (10):

- Andrea Dierich, *DuPage County*
- Brian Tomkins, *Metropolitan Mayors Caucus*
- Cecilia Govrik, *Kane County*
- Eoin Burke, *E-Quantum Consulting (guest speaker)*
- Kate Buczek, *Cook County*
- KC Doyle, *Cook County*
- Laura Oakleaf, *Cook County*
- Martha Dooley, *Village of Schaumburg*
- Samantha Bluemer, *Will County*
- Scott Tess, *City of Urbana*

Announcements:

- Schaumburg is close to finalizing a code amendment approval for beekeeping on individual properties that allows for a reduced fee.
- Urbana presented on the Guaranteed Energy Savings project to the City Council and will soon release the RFP for street light retrofits.
- Will County is updating data for the Better Buildings Challenge and completing the SolSmart program, which will result in Silver level certification for the county.
- Cook County will participate in Earth Hour on March 25th and is holding a community solar stakeholder meeting on April 7th.
- Kane County is working with the Fox Valley Sustainability Network to host GreenTown on April 27th in Aurora. Event information is available at www.foxvalleysustainabilitynetwork.com or www.greentownconference.com.
- Cook County is working on a Guaranteed Energy Service contract and is developing a policy for electric vehicle charging to support the installation of EV charging stations.

Guest Presentation:

Eoin Burke from E-Quantum Consulting, LLC gave a PowerPoint presentation titled “Demand Response 101” (see PowerPoint on the PSN website), covering the three types—Emergency Capacity, Voluntary Economic, and Synchronized Reserve—of demand response programs. Highlights from the presentation include:

- Slide #6—Emergency Capacity Program, which is the most lucrative and most used program
- Slide #9—Deadline to enroll in program is May 15th
- Slide #15—Voluntary Economic program, the next level of program in which the participant decides the criteria for participation

Overview of Next Meeting:

There will not be an April call, so the next call will be on May 17th. The group discussed some options for topics/speakers, deciding to spend most of the May call talking about the coordination of PSN and the USDN Partner program requirements. There may be time for a short presentation as well, so “Bring your own Bag” program or EV charging were suggested as tentative topics.

Scott offered to compile an email survey for PSN members that could provide some information on how to better coordinate PSN’s activities.