

Lewis County Energy Innovation Coalition

January 18, 2022

1:33 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Grose, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Austin Majors, Kelly Smith Johnston, various members of the public and press

Guests: Eric Rosane, Jared Wenzelburger

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Richard DeBolt introduced the Energy Innovation Coalition. He said they have reached out to numerous entities to look at hydrogen as a solution for energy in Lewis County.

Twin Transit is looking into having hydrogen fueled buses. Toyota is working on its own hydrogen-fueled vehicle. The goal of the group is to determine how to make Lewis County a hydrogen valley.

EPC (Engineering, Procurement & Construction) is a firm from Wyoming and Joe Clark from Twin Transit reached out to them to better explain how Lewis County can benefit from a hydrogen valley. John and David Cornish said they design, and construct low cost hydrogens fuel stations.

Robert Pehl from I-5 Toyota said Toyota is prepared to offer more hydrogen fuel-celled vehicles. At this time, California and Hawaii are the only states that currently use hydrogen fuel-celled vehicles due to the limited supply of hydrogen.

Joe closed out the meeting informing the group that hydrogen is a new vehicle to move Lewis County forward.

Kelly Smith Johnston from Clarity Consulting said the next meeting will be in April 2022.

Meeting ended at 2:26 p.m.