

## **Energy Group Meeting**

**February 1, 2012**

Jon -Update on waste to energy study being conducted by TSS Consultants. TSS agreed to add and make the Tribal Unit by the waste water treatment facility the preferred site and begin doing the site review and financial analysis based on that site. They are also agreed to do Orofino TU 45 as the alternate site for another option.

Jon – Rural Community Innovations is delayed by USDA Rural Development for the matching funds for the strategic energy plan. The matching funds for the plan may take a while. But meanwhile Michael from RCI will come and meet with energy group members to begin writing the strategic energy plan.

Jon – Funding opportunities we need to apply for USDA Forest Service Biomass Utilization Grant and the BIA Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) for feasibility study funds for Small hydro or hydrokinetic power, which does not affect river ecology and fish friendly hydro technologies.

Terry – Bids for energy efficiency upgrades had:

- Windows one bid which came under budget
- Insulation one bid came in slightly over budget.
- Lighting came in way over bid with one bid.

Terry – Anthony recommended looking into incentives for covering the difference, so Terry contacted AVISTA for incentive information and had good news; they said they could most likely meet budget with the updated incentives for lighting. AVISTA representatives mentioned windows need to be installed a certain way to get the incentives and predicted energy savings.

Ann – Discussion regarding TERO and CIB's getting some on industry standards to meet the qualifications for getting incentives. And Terry and Ann will work with TERO to get training for CIB's to meet industry standards.