



Town of Parachute | City of Rifle | Town of Silt
Town of New Castle | City of Glenwood Springs
Town of Carbondale | Garfield County
Roaring Fork Transportation Authority
Colorado Mountain College

Board Meeting Minutes: Friday, Sept. 8, 2017, 1:04 p.m.

Garfield County Administration Building, Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Board members attending

Town of Silt: GCE Secretary, Rick Aluise
Town of New Castle: Greg Russi
City of Glenwood Springs: Rick Voorhees
Garfield County: Tom Jankovsky, Frank Coberly
RFTA: Jason White
CMC: Sean Nesbitt

Others attending

CLEER: Erica Sparhawk, Brandon Jones

Board members not present

Town of Carbondale: Frosty Merriot
City of Rifle: Theresa Hamilton
Town of Parachute: GCE Chair Stuart McArthur

Next meeting: Friday, October 13, 2017, 1:00 p.m. at the Rifle and Glenwood Administration Buildings

Call meeting to order:

Tom Jankovsky chaired the meeting in place of Stuart McArthur and called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Roll call and approval of agenda:

Rick completed the roll call.
Tom added *Funding Partners Contract Renewal* to the discussion item section of the agenda.

Greg Russi moved to approve the meeting agenda with the additional item; Rick Aluise seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Board member and public comments

None

Consent Agenda: Approval of May 2017 minutes. Approval of July 2017 Minutes

Rick Voorhees moved to approve the May and July minutes; Rick Aluise seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Financials

May, June, July August Financials

Bills Paid and Account Payable Report

Tom summarized financials from the previous four months, concluding that GCE is on track to meet the budget for the rest of the year.

Rick Aluise moved to approve the financials and accounts payable; Rick Voorhees seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

Adding Xcel Energy Funding to budget and expenses.

Erica gave update on Xcel Energy Funding and billing structure. CLEER will bill GCE and GCE will bill Xcel directly. Erica summarized the PIE program for the group. It was determined that no action was necessary these changes will be part of the amended budget that will be approved in December.

Discussion Items

Draft 2018 Budget

The Board had a discussion about partner contributions and funding. No drastic changes to the budget were predicted. Jason and Erica reported to the Board that the grant application submitted to RFTA increased the ask to \$30,000 this year rather than \$25,000. Tom summarized 2018 draft budget. During the December 8th, 2017 meeting next year's budget will be finalized.

GCE Partner Presentations report out and planning

Erica described upcoming presentations to partners.

Regional Collaboration Opportunities

Erica asked for board input on how to move forward in regional collaboration and shared the interest coming from Eagle County. Greg Russi spoke to the benefits of including Eagle in our collaborative and stated that the similarities between counties will lead to a wider reach and effectiveness. He stated that the GCE model works and should be utilized in Eagle County. Jason brought up the benefit for statewide funding opportunities, from DOLA and other departments, if GCE expanded to a more regional organization. Tom suggested inviting Eagle County staff to a GCE meeting. Action Steps identified by GCE Board: 1) Reach out to Eagle County staff and invite to a GCE meeting. 2) Write letter to commissioners. 3) Staff identify other next steps and involved the Board as needed.

Update on State funding efforts and Refuel Contract

Erica updated the group on Colorado Energy Office and other statewide funding efforts. She confirmed that CEO is renewing the Refuel contract and that should be completed by mid-September. Tom requested to be kept in the loop about discussions with Rep. Rankin.

Funding Partners Contract Renewal

Erica explained the Revolving Loan Program and the history of the contract with Funding Partners. The Third Amendment to the contract that was presented will extend the contract for another 5 years. Erica received the amendment the day before the meeting, so it wasn't included in the packet.

Greg Russi moved to approve the Third Amendment to the Funding Partners agreement and extend the contract for five years, Rick Aluise seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

Program Updates

Partners in Energy implementation plan update

Erica updated the Board on the emPower campaign and joint promotional efforts with utilities.

Brandon gave an update about agriculture outreach and energy coaching, including the Solar Livestock Tank promotion in October with Holy Cross Energy.

Electric Vehicle bulk purchase report

Erica stated that all 4 dealers participated, being first in the state. Summarized findings of EV Bulk buy report and that we hope to continue EV promotion programs in 2018.

Renewables

Erica explained the NREL application was submitted on Aug 1, 2017. We will find by October. If selected, the program will start in 2018. The program involves technical assistance in developing a local solar roadmap. It will guide utilities in infrastructure upgrades and identify hotspots where grid can handle solar and land is available.

Upcoming Community Solar Opportunities

Erica provided an update on current community solar opportunities in Garfield County right now and let partners know that staff are available to review proposals and answer questions about them.

Adjournment

Tom Jankovsky adjourned the meeting at 2:37.

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By: _____
Stuart McArthur, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Rick Aluise, Secretary

These minutes were reviewed and approved by a vote of the Garfield Clean Energy Board of Directors at its meeting held on October 13, 2017.