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

Board Meeting Minutes: Friday, Jan. 12, 2018 1:05 p.m.

Garfield County Administration Building, Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Board members attending

Town of Parachute: GCE Chair Stuart McArthur

RFTA: GCE Vice Chair Jason White

Garfield County: GCE Treasurer Tom Jankovsky

Town of Silt: GCE Secretary, Rick Aluise

Town of Carbondale: Frosty Merriott, Dan Richardson

CMC: Sean Nesbitt

Others attending

CLEER: Erica Sparhawk, Brandon Jones

Board members not present

Town of New Castle: Bruce Leland

Garfield County: Frank Coberly

City of Glenwood Springs: Rick Voorhees

City of Rifle: Theresa Hamilton

Next meeting: Friday, March 9th, 2017, 1:00 p.m. at the Rifle Colorado Mountain College.

Call meeting to order:

Stuart called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Roll call and approval of agenda:

Rick completed the roll call.

Rick Aluise moved to approve the meeting agenda; Tom Jankovksy seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Board member and public comments

Stuart invited comments from the public and board, there were none.

Consent Agenda: Approval of December 8th, 2017 minutes

Rick Aluise moved to approve the minutes for the board meeting on Dec 8th, 2017; Tom Jankovksy and Stuart McArthur abstained, as they were not present; Frosty seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financials

Tom stated that he reviewed the financials and gave them approval. Dan asked to clarify the Accounts Receivable and Erica explained why payments weren't received in 2017. Tom asked about the loan program numbers and whether our contractors are aware of and using the loan program. Erica stated that the loan would be revisited later on the agenda.

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

Action Items

Election of Officers & Finance Committee for 2018

Tom asked Stuart if he would like to remain as chair. Stuart said yes. Multiple members of the board recommend re-electing current officers and committee members for 2018. Stuart McArthur as Chair, Jason White as Vice-Chair, Rick Aluise as Secretary and Tom Jankovksy as Treasurer. Rick Aluise will be off of the board in April, so another Secretary will be elected at that time.

Tom Jankovksy moved to elect Stuart McArthur as Chair, Jason White as Vice-Chair, Rick Aluise as Secretary and Tom Jankovksy as Treasurer, with the understanding that Rick's seat as secretary will be up for re-election in April; Rick Aluise seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

Tom, Jason White, and Stuart are nominated for the finance committee.

Tom Jankovksy moved to elect himself, Jason White, and Stuart McArthur to the 2018 finance committee, Rick Aluise seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 1: Locations and agenda posting places

Stuart listed 2017 posting places listed in the resolution. Tom and Stuart stated that they would rather see it at the Garfield County admin building listed rather than the courthouse. It is decided that it will be changed from the Garfield County Courthouse to Garfield County Administration building.

Rick Aluise moved to approve Resolution No. 1 with the Garfield County Admin Building listed in place of the Garfield County Courthouse; Tom Jankovksy seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

Confirm meeting schedule locations for 2018

Erica presented the meeting schedule and asked if the group would like to continue the same schedule as 2017.

Tom Jankovksy moved to approve 2018 meeting schedule; Frosty Merriott seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

Retain Karp, Neu, Hanlon for Legal Services and bookkeeping*No motion required, but everyone agreed to retaining Karp Neu Hanlon for legal services and Balanced Bookkeeping and Payroll Inc for bookkeeping services. .*

Draft 2018 program calendar

Erica provided a summary of the proposed 2018 program and event calendar. She highlighted the shift away from one contractor expo to more frequent smaller events throughout the County. Stuart stated support for the idea. Tom asked how this change would affect the budget. Erica stated that the goal is to work with the same budget as the Expo and seek sponsorships. She also clarified that GCE has Xcel funds to leverage for the time planning workshops.

Stuart asked where we get our contractor lists and asked that staff communicate with the local governing boards about new contractors in town so they know about the workshops.

Brandon described the February 3 Ag Expo booth and Suntank partnership and invited GCE Board members to attend.

Commercial Program update

Erica shared updates on the commercial program as well as the process, GCE coaching services, and successes. She showed an example of the savings estimates for the lighting upgrade at Target and the Roof Top Unit upgrade projects at large buildings in GWS.

Tom asked that we reach out to the FedEx facility about their parking lot lighting as it impacts the West Bank neighborhood. Tom also asked whether apartment buildings are considered commercial. Erica stated that it depends on how the utility is metering it, but most likely they are.

Colorado Energy Office RENU Loan Program overview

Erica explained the history of the GCE loan program and how the discussions began five years ago to expand the Boulder/Denver program statewide. She described the loan benefits and differences between the GCE loan and the CEO loan.

Tom asked if there is a better use for original loan funds and whether the CPACE program is being utilized in the county. Erica described barriers to CPACE participation – primarily the high cost of the project as it's currently set. Stuart asked how much is available in the RENU loan pool. Erica answered that she will check but does not know. Erica recommended that the CLEER staff investigate more and investigate what the process would be to use the revolving loan funds elsewhere.

Erica passed out 4th quarter production report from Funding Partners and summarized year-end loan numbers. Stuart noted that it is a truly revolving loan now, given that people are paying off their loans.

Frosty suggested that the loan now be switched to a commercial loan. The board echoed in support of that idea. Erica agreed to research that possibility.

The Board recommended that staff do more research before directing Garfield County homeowners towards the RENU program and discuss at the next meeting.

Sean Nesbitt from Colorado Mountain College joined the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

4th Quarter Report

Erica provided a summary of 2017 activity and asked if the Board had any questions. Tom asked that we coordinate with Vola about giving a presentation to the BOCC to share the 4th Quarter Report and other updates. Dan asked about investment chart in the report and whether it includes the GCE budget. Erica clarified that it only includes the amount invested in implementing a project.

Tom shared a point of information with the Board about how Garfield County will be working with Mesa County to send a request to Xcel Energy that if they need to build a new natural gas power plant that they consider the Western Slope as a possible location.

Upcoming state conference on communities and clean energy

Erica provided a summary of the Compact for Colorado Communities symposium in late January. GCE will be highlighted at the event, represented by economist Skip Linkner to highlight the benefits to the economy offered by our organizations. Tom shared that he will be in Denver during that time and could attend the panel if needed. Erica said she'd provide information about the conference to the entire Board in a follow-up email.

Community Solar Gardens

Stuart asked if the solar agreements have been approved in other communities. Dan shared that Carbondale has approved a contract, Sean shared that CMC is pursuing one. Erica stated that New Castle has a contract with Microgrid and Rifle has a contract with Oak Leaf. Rick asked about the progress in Silt.

Adjournment

Rick Aluise moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:20p.m., Tom Jankovksy seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

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 March 9th, 2018