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Town of Carbondale | Garfield County
Roaring Fork Transportation Authority
Colorado Mountain College

Board Meeting Minutes: Friday, May 11, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

Garfield County Administration Building, Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Board members attending

RFTA: GCE Vice Chair Jason White
Garfield County: Frank Coberly
Garfield County: GCE Treasurer Tom Jankovsky
Town of New Castle: Bruce Leland
City of Glenwood Springs: Rick Voorhees
CMC: Sean Nesbitt

Others attending

CLEER: Erica Sparhawk, Brandon Jones
Grid Alternatives: Jake Bobrow

Board members not present

Town of Parachute: GCE Chair Stuart McArthur
Town of Silt: GCE Secretary, Rick Aluise
City of Rifle: Theresa Hamilton
Town of Carbondale: Dan Richardson

Next meeting: Friday, July 13, 2017, 1:00 p.m. at the CMC Rifle Campus

Call meeting to order:

Jason called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Roll call and approval of agenda:

Jason completed the roll call.

Jason invited a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

Frank Coberly moved to approve the meeting agenda; Bruce Leland seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

Board Member and Public comment

Jason invited public or board member comment. Bruce said he is back as the lead New Castle representative. Greg may be the alternate in his new position as a special project staff person for the Town.

Consent Agenda: Approval of March 9, 2018 minutes

Rick asked that we define terms used in the minutes so that the minutes are easier for members of the public to read and understand.

Sean Nesbitt moved to approve the minutes for the board meeting on March 9, 2018; Frank Coberly seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financials and Accounts Payable

Tom stated that he has reviewed the financials and accounts payable and recommends an approval.

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

Preliminary Draft Financial Review Report

Erica provided an overview of the financial review and shared that it is consistent with prior years and that there are no major changes to expenses or line items. Discussion ensued about the financial contributions of GCE partners and how that has varied over the past years.

Tom, as the GCE Treasurer, recommended that everyone read the last page that describes programs, and that the report looked good to him.

Frank Coberly moved to accept the Preliminary Draft Financial Review as provided; Rick Voorhees seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

Presentation – Grid Alternatives- Jake Bobrow

Jake provided a presentation on Grid Alternatives and how they work to provide solar for low-income populations and he described the different programs that Xcel Energy has that solar developers can respond to. *(Power point is available upon request to Erica).*

Board members asked how they can help Grid Alternatives implement projects. Jake described multiple partnership opportunities. He highlighted the contract with Boulder County to help meet their climate goals on the County buildings by them providing the land and purchasing 50% of the solar on the system and allowing the other 50% to be distributed to low-income subscribers. Another option is for a public entity with land just to provide the land at an affordable rate, then Grid could pursue a proposal in the low-income offering from Xcel Energy.

Bruce asked if there is a minimum buy in. The large program RFP requires around a mW site.

Jason brainstormed how the GCE board might be able to be the project developer to help locate land where these projects are possible. Jake stated that if GCE could identify and make accessible a good site that would be a big first step.

Rick asked how other electric utilities could partner with Grid Alternatives. Jake talked about their existing partnership with Holy Cross Energy and that they could even work on projects with multiple utility partners.

Jake stated that another way that local governments can help is by offering a guarantee that if customers default on payments or move out, those payments will be covered by the government subscriber, but covered with the energy savings earned from the utility bill credits.

Program Updates

CARE Update

Brandon provided a CARE process presentation sharing how residents get signed up and what a home energy visit looks like.

Colorado Energy Office (CEO) funding update

Erica provided update on CEO funding that was secured during the legislature, the importance of CEO programs to GCE. Erica shared that Representative Bob Rankin was instrumental in getting the funding into the long-bill and Erica asked for approval to write a thank you letter to Rep. Rankin. The board agreed that a thank you letter signed by the chair of the board is appropriate.

Repurposing Revolving loan funds

Erica provided an update on progress to develop a new proposal for repurposing the funds that are in the Revolving Loan Fund that the GCE manages. Due to two recent projects needing to use the GCE loan program instead of the CEO's RENU loan program, staff is recommending that we keep the GCE loan in place for now. Erica requested Board approval to not continue with submitting a request to the Department of Energy in July and instead re-evaluate the loan programs in October in prep for a request in January 2019. The Board members agreed to have staff bring it back to the Board in October.

Electric Vehicle Bulk Buy

Erica stated that we are looking to do a September and October bulk buy. The VW settlement funding is the focus at the moment.

Jason mentioned that a fleet bulk buy would be useful as well.

Buildings Symposium – May 18

Erica stated that GCE board members can get free tickets to the symposium as part of their sponsorship. Erica shared that over 80 tickets had been sold and asked that GCE Board members invite key staff at their entities to attend as well.

Adjournment

Frank Coberly moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:46p.m; Sean Nesbitt seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

By: _____
Stuart McArthur, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

These minutes were reviewed and approved by a vote of the Garfield Clean Energy Board of Directors at its meeting held on _____