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Roaring Fork Transportation Authority  
Colorado Mountain College

## **Board Meeting Minutes: Friday, January 11, 2019, 1:00 p.m.**

Morgridge Commons, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

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### **Board members attending**

Town of Parachute: GCE Chair Stuart McArthur  
Garfield County: GCE Treasurer Tom Jankovsky  
RFTA: GCE Vice Chair Jason White  
City of Glenwood Springs: GCE Secretary Rick Voorhees  
Garfield County: Frank Coberly  
Town of Carbondale: Lani Kitching  
CMC: Sean Nesbitt  
CMC: Jared Kochevar  
Town of New Castle: Bruce Leland

### **Others attending**

CLEER: Erica Sparhawk, Brandon Jones, Matt Shmigelsky, Katherine Rushton, Alice Laird

### **Board members not present**

City of Rifle: Theresa Hamilton  
Town of Silt: Keith Richel

**Next meeting:** Friday, March 8, Colorado Mountain College, Rifle

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### **Call meeting to order:**

Stuart called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

### **Roll call and approval of agenda:**

Rick Voorhees conducted roll call.

*Lani Kitching moved to approve the meeting agenda; Jason White seconded, and motion passed unanimously.*

### **Board Member and Public comment**

Stuart invited board and public comment. Erica handed around thank you note from Deanna Hoffmeister, CARE participant.

### **Consent Agenda:**

#### **Approval of Dec. 14, 2018 minutes**

*Tom Jankovsky moved to approve the minutes for the meeting on Dec.14, 2018; Jason White seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.*

## **Approval December 2018 and year-end Financials, Bill-pay, and Accounts Payable**

*Tom Jankovsky moved to approve the financials, bills paid, and accounts payable; Jason White seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.*

### **Action Items**

#### **Election of Officers & Finance Committee for 2019**

Tom suggested that we nominate existing positions for re-election.

GCE Chair: Stuart McArthur

GCE Vice Chair: Jason White

GCE Treasurer: Tom Jankovsky

GCE Secretary: Rick Voorhees

*Tom Jankovsky moved to re-elect GCE officers to serve another year; Bruce seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Resolution No.1: Locations and agenda for posting places**

Stuart read Resolution No. 1 and asked if there were any recommended changes.

*Bruce Leland moved to approve Resolution No. 1; Lani Kitching seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Confirm Meeting Schedule and locations for 2019**

Erica reviewed the memo with the meeting times and places. Stuart suggested that we have a November meeting instead of the October meeting where we hold the budget hearing and approve the 2020 budget and plan for a December meeting to be held via conference call for end of year items. The Board agreed with this meeting schedule.

#### **Retain Karp, Neu, Hanlon for legal services**

*Tom Jankovsky moved to retain Karp, Neu, Hanlon for legal services; Lani Kitching seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Retain Balanced Bookkeeping**

*Tom Jankovsky moved to retain Balanced Bookkeeping, Rick Voorhees seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.*

**GCE Website update** Erica described the needs of the Garfield Clean Energy website and the lack of ability for the CLEER team to update and make changes to it because the platform it was built 10 years ago.

Tom Jankovsky asked if there is someone on staff to create the website. Erica described that the CLEER website required someone specialized to create but staff can maintain it as

it is the user-friendly Wordpress site. Erica suggested staff could come back in March with some proposals. Stuart suggested that staff look into SIPA for resources.

Stuart asked if the board approved GCE applying for the SIPA grant if staff determined it was an option. The board approved.

### **Program Updates**

#### **Clean Energy Corridor update and next steps, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m, Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> morning session, Glenwood Springs, exact location TBD.**

Alice and Katharine provided background on the development of the Clean Energy Corridor Network, the NREL application that was submitted in August of 2017, and the next step of this effort.

Tom asked how we can turn the extensive planning that's been done into projects that benefit Garfield County and referred to Amory Lovins' presentation from December regarding the success of decentralized power in Denmark.

Katherine explained that the next meeting will work to identify barriers and opportunities for the creation of renewable power and discuss how by siting sources locally it would be an economic and resiliency benefit to our region.

Rick stated approval of the data gathering and target setting aspects of the planning process. Bruce asked if the meeting is open to everyone. Katherine and Alice answered that the process needs key stakeholders, but will be open to the public.

#### **Electric Vehicle charging station group install effort**

Matt referenced the packet on electric vehicle charging infrastructure and staff's discussions on whether GCE Board should apply for an FMLD grant. He invited the board to offer feedback or comments on the.

Rick asked clarifying questions about the grants that were denied by Colorado Energy Office and specifics about the charging stations and potential obsolescence.

Alice asked the board for comments about pursuing an FMLD grant. Matt clarified the estimated amount will be \$20,000/site; it could be approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000 for each partner and each charging site with the rest being covered by the grant.

Stuart said that he doubted that each partner can still apply for traditional FMLD grants separate from this and that would be the sacrifice for the GCE partners planning on that funding for this spring round of funding.

Sean shared that CMC is pursuing a traditional FMLD grant. Tom stated it might be hard to get the municipalities on board by late February. The Board members all agreed.

Stuart suggested that we move this application to the fall cycle, typically due in August. He also described the grant cycle and said that they may open the joint applications for the fall.

Rick asked when state funding will be opening up or changing. Alice shared that there is a lot of potential with Will Toor the new director for the Colorado Energy Office.

Jason expressed approval of preparing for funding by putting all the plans and budget in place. Stuart suggested that staff share the plans with all the town managers and the appropriate RFTA and CMC staff. Bruce requested that staff bring detailed updates back to the GCE meetings in March and May so the Board is prepared to approve the FMLD grant resolution by July meeting. The Board agreed to this approach.

**Approve concept of letter from GCE to Gov. Polis – Feb**

Alice discussed the opportunity for state level programs for GCE and other rural areas. Alice suggested that a letter to state officials from the GCE board describing successes to date and opportunities in our region would be a way to keep our rural program as part of the discussions at the state level.

Stuart asked if everyone supports a letter to the governor. Everyone said yes. Board approved the letter it will be sent directly to Stuart for edits and signature on behalf of the board. It will be sent to all relevant state officials.

**Upcoming Events**

Erica highlighted upcoming events listed on the agenda.

**Adjournment**

*Jason White moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m, Tom Jankovsky seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stuart McArthur, Chairperson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rick Vorhees, Secretary

These minutes were reviewed and approved by a vote of the Garfield Clean Energy Board of Directors at its meeting held on March 8, 2019