



TBD). The first will be an Active Transportation: bike, pedestrian, trails workshop; the second an alternative fuels and vehicles – fleets workshop.

GEO and NREL are developing a fact-sheet on natural gas and its impacts for a meeting between RFTA and City of Aspen regarding CNG and natural gas production. Our understanding is that the City of Aspen has questions of impacts and long term viability. Staff will update the Board at the net meeting.

### **Trails/Transportation**

Keith Lambert asked about the April event and went on to suggest that GCEC collaborate with other groups working on trails-related issues, including those working on Rifle's TOD project.

Judi described a recent trail completion linking Battlement Mesa and Parachute.

Greg suggested having Michael Longhorn (RREDC) be invited to the April meeting (in Rifle) so we can have a conversation about our mutual work programs and goals.

Jim Rada said the Garfield County Environmental Health Dept. is waiting to hear about a grant related to cycling, exercise and healthy living that could be synergistic with the trails effort.

Greg said New Castle was spending money from its Conservation Trust grant on trails.

### **Other**

Tom described several codes workshops coming up in February.

### **Staff Report**

Jeff Dickinson of CLEER gave a presentation on the greening government facilities program.

After Jeff's presentation, Tom said he would bring resolutions related to finance, insurance, and accounting issues to the March 14 meeting.

### **Board Discussion, Possible Retreat**

The Board had a lengthy discussion about replacing street lighting and lighting technologies. Jeff suggested the Board look at lighting issues as Xcel Energy owns many of the street lamps in Garfield County towns. Greg asked about meeting with Xcel officials, and suggested the Board take on the issue of street lighting this year. They discussed taking the issue up at a possible Board retreat this spring as well as GCE's initial renewables goals (30 percent production by 2020). Also, the Board was asked if it wanted energy-saving goals as a per capita number or an overall reduction (the original goal was: "Increase energy efficiency as measured by reducing energy consumption 20% by 2020 over a 2009 baseline as a means to a stronger, more resilient, and energy-secure economy.")

### **Transportation**

Tom described how Weld County had had success with CMAC funds and mentioned that there was interest by two local school districts in CNG for their bus fleets.

### **Codes**

Greg brought up an issue related to codes in the Town of New Castle, and the extra cost of meeting new energy codes. Jeff explained the higher cost was related to electrical codes and breakers required not a result of new energy codes.

**Other**

Jim Rada mentioned a recent GCE report to DOLA, commenting that it showed how a \$1.6 million grant had been leveraged into about \$5 million in investment.

Meeting ended at 2:42 p.m.

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Russi, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Judith Hayward, Secretary

These **notes** were reviewed and approved by a vote of the Garfield Clean Energy Board of Directors at its meeting held on February 8, 2012.