



Town of Parachute | City of Rifle | Town of New Castle | City of Glenwood Springs | Town of Carbondale
Garfield County | Garfield County Public Library District | Roaring Fork Transportation Authority

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 9, 2012, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Garfield County Administration Building, 108 8th St., Glenwood Springs

Board members present

City of Rifle: Mike Braaten

Town of New Castle: Greg Russi

Garfield County: Tom Jankovsky

City of Glenwood Springs: Leo McKinney

Town of Parachute: Judith Hayward

Town of Carbondale: Allyn Harvey

Town of Silt: Rick Aluise

RFTA: Ted Edmonds

Others attending

Garfield County: Jim Rada, Tari Williams

CLEER: Tom Baker, Mike Ogburn, Erica Sparhawk, and Karen Wahrmund

City of Glenwood Springs: Dave Sturgis

Town of Silt: Janet Aluise

Members not attending

Garfield Library District: Amelia Shelley, Jerry Morris

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 10:00 – 3:00 p.m., Rifle Library, Rifle.

Public comments: none

Board member comments: none

Consent Agenda

Approval of April Minutes – motion to approve with corrections noted by Tom Baker by Leo McKinney and seconded by Ted Edmonds.

Active Transportation – Trail Summit:

On April 20th GCE sponsored a workshop on Active Transportation: Trails, Bicycle, Pedestrian Summit. The next steps from that workshop include:

- Regional Networking: Create a 3-Rivers Trail Coalition with 2x/year gatherings and a “list serve” to keep all parties informed throughout the year;
- Pursue grants/funding to create a regional marketing/economic development strategy around trails, biking and hiking/walking; and
- Explore solutions to gaps in the trail system.

The Trail Summit included presentations from several local business people, as well as presentations from both Carbondale and Glenwood Springs chambers of commerce. The Summit ended with a presentation from CDOT on how to implement/construct different trail types.

Judi Hayward talked about CDOT’s work in Parachute/Battlement Mesa and that CDOT was under budget with their interchange project and was looking for ways to expend the budget in Parachute/Battlement Mesa area. The Board directed Tom to contact Larry Dragon (LOVA) and inform him of possible revenues for trails.

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure:

Mike Ogburn updated the GCE Board on project FEVER and the progress that RFTA is making with electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Mike spoke about how the organization is getting ready for CNG by first preparing for infrastructure and education, and the need of availability of key station locations for Electric cars. RFTA is putting in 5 new-upgraded Park-in-Rides, and Mike described how this was a good time for the EV infrastructure since they are already digging up asphalt for station upgrades.

Mike talked about the “Revenge of the Electric Car” screenings in Carbondale (May 15th Calaway Room Third St. Center) and Glenwood Springs (May 14th GWS Community Center).

Greg Russi asked if the plug-ins would be useful in a small town like New Castle. Mike responded that it could be a way to drawl people into town and offer electricity.

Greg R. asked if the plug-ins would inadvertently use coal to “fill up?” Mike answered that more electricity for vehicles from coal is still a net benefit to the environment.

Vehicle and Fleet Efficiency/Regional Planning for CNG

Tom Baker and Mike Ogburn summarized the April 13th Vehicle and Fleet Efficiency/CNG Regional Planning workshop.

Vehicle and Fleet Efficiency: Staff is following-up the workshop with a two-fold approach to assisting Partners with vehicle and fleet efficiency: presentation to all partner elected officials to establish general goals; and direct work with Partner fleet staff to identify and implement steps

appropriate to that Partner. At the elected official's meeting, staff is asking policy makers to adopt a resolution to:

- Reduce petroleum dependence of our operations;
- Reduce lifecycle fleet costs through purchasing policies, operational efficiency and vehicle efficiency; and
- Increase operational robustness through fuel diversity.

The importance of these resolutions is to communicate to each entity's staff the policy maker's commitment for and importance of vehicle and fleet efficiency. GCE staff then works with Partner staff to identify and implement steps and policies that further the above goals.

Regional CNG: As a result of the April 3th workshop, we developed a draft Work Plan/Next Steps, (GEO reviewing). At the Workshop the group explored several "Partnership Ideas", which staff will summarize:

- CNG Fueling Partnership between RFTA and local government fleets;
- Public/Private Partnership for Maintenance Facility use between auto dealers and local government fleets;
- Public/Private Partnership for "Portable" fueling system – potential partners include: Roaring Fork COOP, Town of Carbondale, Garfield County, RFTA;
- Need additional ideas for a "Public" fueling option:
 - i. near I-70 corridor in Glenwood Springs;
 - ii. Parahute
- Building Demand for Fueling through Vehicle/Fuel commitment (build a market for GCE Partners to sell unneeded CNG vehicles to other Partners).

Mike and Tom described the value of these different partnerships. Mike described an opportunity for Kum and Go to invest in a CNG fueling station. GCE staff is working with Adam Hammes, Manager of Sustainability for Kum and Go to provide him with information necessary to make a decision for a Glenwood Springs station.

Mike also reported that the USFS is interested in becoming a partner in GCE.

Mike also reported on a grant opportunity with DOE. The work we do at GCE and WSCNG is an excellent fit for this grant. The GCE Board authorized Chairman Russi to sign a letter of support. The grant deadline is June 18th.

Judi Hayward made a motion seconded by Ted Edmonds. The motion passed unanimously.

Rifle TOD Project: Summary of Charrette Week:

Nathan is a planner for the city of Rifle and summarized the Charrette week: it was about coming up with a strategic plan to market downtown Rifle and in turn reap economic benefits. The planners are looking at public outreach to create marketing buzz. The key idea is to figure out a way to connect downtown with the River Front and utilize the old steel bridge. The City of Rifle would like to make the downtown area a place that can be looked at as an example of what can be done with sustainable energy.

Judi made a comment that the Rifle Theater parking lot was full last weekend and Parachute is proud to have a partner such as Rifle.

Financing Discussion:

Jim Rada mentioned that he is leaving in June and is trying to tie up all loose ends. Jim gave an overview of the three grants that helped oversee for Garfield County. One of the grants, the DOE EECBG-A grant, which is strictly grant money, has only \$10,000 left and is about to be wrapped up.

Repurpose a portion of DOE funding/ Transfer of DOE Funding

Erica Sparhawk and Jim Rada spoke about the ongoing reporting obligations for the DOE Better Buildings Neighborhood Grant financing programs and how Garfield County would prefer to transfer these funds and the reporting obligations to Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative. One solution would be for Garfield County to give a sub-award to Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative.

Erica Sparhawk asked if GCE Collaborative would be willing to accept the financing monies to commit to the ongoing reporting requirements.

Greg R. asked if the consultant (CLEER) is set up to take on all these different aspects of the dealing with the DOE reporting requirements. Erica Sparhawk assured him they were. Greg R. asked if anybody objected to GCE Collaborative being the recipient of a sub-award with Garfield County? No one raised any concerns, so CLEER and Jim Neu will move forward with preparing necessary paperwork and working with Garfield County staff.

Finance Report:

Unpaid Bills Detail/Accts Payable

Tom Jankovsky made a motion to approve accounts payable and it was seconded by Allyn Harvey. Motion passed unanimously.

Project Updates and Reports

EnCana Energy Expo - Tom B. commented that the Expo went really well.

Upcoming Events:

GCE Board Retreat - Wed. June 13th 10 - 3p.m. in Rifle Library. No other business at this meeting, just the retreat discussion.

May 14th and 15th - "Revenge of the Electric Car" (14th GWS Community Center/ 15th Third St. Center)

May 17th - Amory Lovins

GCE Board is welcome to tickets. Greg R. commented that Amory Lovins has been at the forefront of sustainability for over two decades.

Tom B. Chairman Russi inquired about Silt joining GCE. Rick Aluise stated he was interested and encouraged GCE to request a meeting. Commissioner Jankovsky will speak with Brian Flemming and then Tom Baker will contact Pam Woods to request a meeting with the new Silt Board.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

By: _____
Greg Russi, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Judith Hayward, Secretary

These minutes were reviewed and approved by a vote of the Garfield Clean Energy Board of Directors at its meeting held on June 13, 2012.