



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, August 8, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Garfield County Human Services Building, 195 W. 14th St., Rifle

Board members present

City of Rifle: Keith Lambert

Town of New Castle: GCE Chair Greg Russi

Garfield County: Tom Jankovsky

City of Glenwood Springs: GCE Vice Chair Leo McKinney and Dave Sturgis

Town of Parachute: Judith Hayward

RFTA: Ted Edmonds

Garfield Library District: Jerry Morris

Town of Silt: Rick Aluise

Town of Carbondale: Alyn Harvey

Others attending

CLEER: Tom Baker, Mike Ogburn, Alice Laird, and Karen Wahrmond (taking minutes)

CMC: Meeta Goel

Members not attending

Library District: Jerry Morris

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Garfield County Administration Building, Glenwood Springs.

Public comments: none

Board member comments: none

Consent Agenda

Approval of July Minutes: Motioned by Leo seconded by Ted; board approves 7-0.

Action Items:

Strategic Plan Action Steps

Tom Baker talked about the transfer of the DOE grant (\$600k) to GCE, which will happen this Monday, which GCE will discuss once the transfer is final. In part that discussion will revolve around repurposing a portion of the credit enhancement funds (\$400k) for Better Buildings rebates. While the Revolving Loan funds (\$200k) and Credit Enhancement funds (\$400k) will be available over time, there will be a limited amount of time to spend the funds repurposed for rebates – May, 2013.

Tom B. spoke about the GCE vision and goals and presented flip chart and Power Point information about “Key Numbers” related to GCE’s Strategic Plan Action Steps and Targets:

- Total Energy Expenditures in Garfield County 2009-2020 = \$3 Billion
- 20% increase in efficiency throughout the county by 2020 = \$297 Million savings
- 2009-2020 direct net new jobs by meeting efficiency goal = 250 – 300
- In 2020 energy savings going forward w/o additional efficiency = \$67 Million/year
- 2009-2020 county expenditures for imported foreign oil = \$800 Million

Tom Jankovsky said the \$297M number is stunning and that another important number is the \$800M total county spending for foreign oil imports. Tom Jankovsky also questions whether or not the 250-300 net new jobs is too low (staff will look into the jobs number).

Tom Baker and Mike Ogburn reviewed potential action steps and targets for major buildings, residential, commercial and transportation and spoke about GCE progress to date (\$1.4 million in annual energy savings; \$6.7 million in energy upgrade work for 140 contractors; improvements to 132 homes, 41 public buildings, 95 businesses; etc). These will all be accelerated when the programs are continued. Tom Jankovsky recommended expanding GCE’s Transportation goal of CNG fueling in Parachute, Rifle and GWS by adding Carbondale as a CNG fueling location. Additionally, Rick Alaise recommended adding Silt. Both locations have interested parties and could begin with a smaller, but expandable fueling operation.

Allyn asked about a public station in Glenwood, and Ted E. commented that the city and county are exploring that idea.

Tom talked about the need for a higher impact way of converting fleet vehicles. CEO and WS CNG are exploring ideas.

Developing the incentive funds needed to catalyze investment: 17% from Partner Funds and Grant Funds Spent by GCE; 21% by Utility Rebates Leveraged; 62% leveraged funds spent by GCE participant, business, or resident.

Alice commented that businesses and resident have been using all these various funding sources (Dept. of Energy, GEO, SEP grants, Utilities such as Xcel, Holy Cross, Source Gas, etc.) that most likely will not be around in 2013. Greg asked Mike to talk about rebates being a part of this important picture. Mike used an example of the NAPA store with \$20k worth of retrofits, and being able to incentivize this with a \$5k of rebates. Greg commented that without rebates that it’s harder to get people interested and putting more of their money into conservation.

efficiency, retrofits and renewables. GCE experience demonstrates that the ratio of private investment to rebate is 5:1 for commercial projects and 4:1 for residential projects.

Alice talked about Next Steps: provide feedback on list of steps, create small committee to develop concept for "GCE Independence for Local Economic Development Fund," to report to the larger GCE Board in September. Greg asked if this fund is a Revolving Loan Fund, and Alice replied that it is more than that. It is: rebates, grants, and can be used for multiple purposes to catalyze investment to reach GCE goals. Mike added that the point of the fund is to be seed money to incentivize and catalyze further funding. Without incentives people are less willing to put up the initial investment.

Keith L. commented on one of the slides labeled "Progress to Date." He said, "Local government is only as good as it's next project." Spoke that Progress to Date is something to be proud of, but should not rest on it. Keith also commented that the "Total Energy Spending" in Garfield County slide that the wedge should be going down, decreasing energy use/expenditures. Shouldn't we capture the savings and use them to pursue more energy efficiency work... to capitalize the fund and to move efficiency programs forward? Local government has the ability to do this! Greg R. said there is no such thing as saving energy, that there is only saving money, and putting it back into efficiency programs. Tom J. commented that he both agreed and disagreed with Keith's statement about the ultimate savings. Keith said if we reinvest saving, plowing it back into the programs, the savings (jobs and economic activity) would grow exponentially. Rick commented isn't the goal a reduction in fossil fuels. Keith mentioned that it is GCE's job to move in that direction, and Allyn commented that we need bigger funding to move things forward (incentivizes for solar etc.). Leo said that what we need to talk about how to engage banking community and voters, how do you communicate real dollar savings. Get people thinking, "What can I do?" Tom J. asked about the creation of a slide for each partner that shows that partners specific energy cost savings. And illustrate what each partner can do to make energy savings investment. Tom J. said that all the partners are in a budget cycle right now. Alice pointed out that the budget cycle is exactly why we need to talk about the action steps right now and the expansion of the vision and goals. This program needs more project money, additional partner contribution, and/or GCE funding. Tom J. suggested that business owners be talked to because the rebate savings are so huge.

Greg R. asked a subcommittee be formed for incentive funds and competitive grants for what fund will look like. Allyn H., Greg R., Rick A., Dave, and Keith volunteered from the board. TBA when the group will meet.

DOLA Grant Application - verbal

Partner Meetings 2012 Update and 2012 Budget Target

Greg suggested thinking of attention spans. Suggested that GCE's update to partners take 10-20 minutes. Then to make statements of the goals, wedge diagram (line going flat or down), talk about not wanting to ship money out, and streamline the message. Judi emphasized the message needs to be simplified. Also, suggested sharing what other towns are doing would be helpful:

not just solar panels but insulation etc. Tom J. said, "Each government entity needs to know what they need to do."

Calendar with meetings with partners: Judi said Parachute's meeting will be held Sept 13th. She wants a GCE letter requesting money. Greg suggested making a slide for each individual town with the savings-to-date and what can be done for savings in the future, then showing it to that specific town. Also suggested the use of an asterisk with the source for the information from slides (utility bills, etc). Tom J. said also put things in about what the county is doing as a whole. Dave asked to have a display about what energy efficiency means to government, and tools for the public teaching them what they can do to create energy efficiency in their homes. Tom J suggested that service groups receive presentations (business community) explaining the goal statement, a reason behind those goals, and explain the benefit of money in your pocket savings (Tom J said, "theses savings go to the bottom line -- emphasis actions that have a 1-5 year pay back!").

Greg R. suggested September 4th, 5th, or 6th date for subcommittee. Doodle poll will be sent out.

Update: DOE Grant Transfer from GarCo; Loan Loss Reserve Program; Revolving Loan Program

Garfield County suggested this grant be transferred to GCE. This item is scheduled for the Commissioners' agenda on Monday August 13th. Tom J. commented that Carolyn Dalgrehn, "Why would the county want to do that?" What are you going to with the money? These are issues that are going to be talked about on Monday, and the legal issues. Might be a long process. Alice asked if it would be simpler if it just remained with the county. Tom J. asked does the loan program actually work? Alice said that some businesses actually applied for the loans and were denied by the banks. Greg R. asked for these reports. County government needs to be assured that there is tracking system set in place. Greg emphasized that the goal is to have the money repurposed by 2013, and there will need to be a presentation in place. Also, it needs to be made understood that CLEER is not making this request, but GCE has been directed to do this (by Jim Rada who is now gone). The transfer meeting is on September 13th in the early morning.

Finance Report

Summary of Invoice Details

Keith stated that the invoices that were prepared for this meeting meets his needs (he was the one who wanted more invoice details from the last meeting). Tom J. stated that when the 3 members approve bills they go back and review the invoices. Tom → Leo → Judi is the order of the finance committee for approval process.

Unpaid Bills Detail/Accts Payable

Keith motioned to approve, and seconded by Allyn to authorize payment of unpaid bills. Board approves 7-0.

Balance Sheet

P&L Budget vs. Actual

A/R Aging Summary

Project updates, reports, and Good News

Rocky Mountain Fleet Managers Association Conference – GWS Aug. 3 and 4

RMFMA conference had 40+ attendees. Successful event. Mike Ogburn and Chesapeake Energy (Dan Genovese) discussed a possible public/private partnership for the CNG fueling station in GWS. (Tom J, Ted Edmonds, Leo M., Dave S., Mike O, and Tom B. spoke with Dan G. from Chesapeake Energy after the GCE meeting – conference call.)

GWS City Council Work Session on CNG – Aug 2

Tom B. explained that this was a very productive work session with CNG. GWS wanted to meet with county about Chesapeake participating in a CNG fueling station in Glenwood Springs. All good news. Leo commented that there is no disagreement about the fueling station, and that everyone wants one. Ted E. asked if it was known where the Kum-n-Go stands? Tom B. stated that additional funds would peak Kum-n-Go's interest in Glenwood.

Mike talked about the state RFP effort for CNG vehicles. The state together with Oklahoma will put in bid for multiple pick-ups and cargo vans for CNG. Eventually this can be used to buy state CNG vehicles at a lower cost. CLEER will keep board posted.

Dave S. stated that it would be good to find out what the obstacle is for CNG. Ted said that they would most likely be refueling at the RFTA fueling station near term. Would need a price guarantee for a private sector fueling commitment. Chrysler and Ford are the dealerships that are willing to work on CNG vehicles.

Greg R. suggested these CNG stations need public information perhaps in the Post Independent with outline that announces information about CNG and what can be done. Alice said that CLEER is on this task.

CMC

Tom J. talked about CMC offering energy curriculum and technical education. Greg R. suggested opening these classes to general public, not just majors. Meeta offered CMC's support to GCE efforts. Also, suggested AppleSeed as a good resource to tell the story about the larger economic impact of GCE.

Electrical Vehicle Charger

Mike showed the electrical vehicle charger. It plugs into a dryer plug.

Information Item

August Progress Report, attached


Web Stats, attached

Next meeting September 12th in Glenwood Springs

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 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 September 12, 2012.