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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 12, 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: Keith Lambert

Town of New Castle: GCE Chair Greg Russi

Garfield County: Tom Jankovsky

City of Glenwood Springs: GCE Vice Chair Leo McKinney

Town of Parachute: Judith Hayward

RFTA: Ted Edmonds

Others attending

Rick Aluise (Town of Silt) Mike Braaten (City of Rifle) Barbara Johnson and Don Turk (CMC)
Tom Baker, Alice Laird, Erica Sparhawk, and Karen Wahrmond (CLEER)

Members not present

Town of Carbondale: Alyn Harvey

Garfield Library District: Jerry Morris

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 10, 2012, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Garfield County Human Services Building, 195 W. 14th St., Rifle

Consent Agenda

Approval of August Minutes, attached

Motion to approve August Minutes made by Leo McKinney, seconded by Ted Edmonds. All GCE board members were in favor and motion passed unanimously

Action Items:

DOE Better Buildings Grant Sub-Award transfer from Garfield County

Erica Sparhawk reported that the Garfield County commissioners approved the sub-award agreement transferring the DOE Better Buildings sub-award from Garfield County to Garfield Clean Energy. Erica explained that the next step is for the GCE board to approve the sub-award.

Keith Lambert made a motion to accept the sub award agreement, which was seconded by Judith Hayward. The motion passed unanimously.

DOE Better Buildings Grant – Discussion on Repurposing Funds

Erica Sparhawk presented the memo on reallocating partial funding from the DOE Credit Reserve program to other uses. She stated that Boulder County grant managers and the Department of Energy grant manager Steve Dunn have recommended that GCE consider repurposing some of the funding from the credit reserve program to other uses to make sure the grant funds are completely committed by the end of the grant period and to maximize results. The board discussed the proposal outlined in the board packet and asked for greater clarification on how the proposed amount for marketing would be used, whether \$15,000 was needed for developing the commercial revolving loan fund, and whether the proposed amount for program management was needed. The board asked whether more funding should be moved from the credit reserve program into the revolving loan fund.

Board members also asked if there were additional steps that could be taken to make the credit reserve program work – if the guarantee amount were increased, would that lead the banks to lower the interest rate? Should the entire credit reserve program with CHFA be discontinued and all the funding put in the revolving loan fund, and would DOE allow this?

Erica Sparhawk suggested postponing a decision on total amounts for repurposing of DOE funds to allow for additional research to be done on options for the credit reserve fund, the revolving loan fund, and developing more detailed descriptions of the amounts needed and scope for program management and marketing. Staff asked that the residential revolving loan fund move forward to be able to promote the program this fall.

Tom Jankovsky made a motion to approve \$200,000 for the Revolving Loan Fund and to allow the Chair to sign agreement with Funding Partners after review from GCE legal counsel. Leo McKinney seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Board members discussed the request to repurpose some of the DOE funds from financing to rebates. Greg Russi stated that rebates serve as a catalyst for investment. Ted Edmonds made the point that amounts did not need to be delineated between residential and commercial rebates. Alice asked that at least a partial amount of funding for marketing and program management be approved so that staff can get the word out and provide ongoing tracking and energy coaching to accompany the rebates.

Ted Edmonds made the motion that \$70,000 be repurposed from the DOE funds to provide residential and commercial rebates, and up to \$15,000 be approved for marketing, outreach, coaching, and program management. Judith Hayward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2013 Budget: Target Amounts

Tom Baker reported that meetings with GCE partners are underway and that feedback has been supportive for 2013. Meetings with all partners will be completed by mid October; all partners have been asked to include GCE funding in 2013 budgets. The 2012 budget has been provided to partners as the 2013 target, with partners discussing options for increasing their funding. The 2013 budget will not be able to be finalized until it is known what GCE partners are including in their 2013 budget for GCE.

Subcommittee Report on Energy Efficiency Innovation Fund for Local Economic Development

Keith Lambert summarized some of the ideas that the subcommittee discussed regarding ongoing funding for GCE projects.

1. Allocate the savings that are generated by GCE programs to additional projects.
2. Dedicate a percentage of severance tax/federal mineral leasing funds.
3. Continue pursuing outside grants.

Greg Russi asked staff about the funding amounts included in the previous presentations to the board regarding investment amounts needed to reach GCE goals, and what amount is needed in 2013 to make adequate progress toward these goals. Alice said the investment amounts tie back to GCE's adopted vision, and how fast the board wants to reach that goal, and how serious they would like staff to take trying to realize the vision and GCE goals.

GCE Awards Event w/Governor Ritter

Alice stated that former Governor Ritter has agreed to be the keynote speaker at the awards event, but the only day that works for him is Oct. 5th. The event will be at 6pm on Friday at Hotel Colorado. Staff asked if any board members would be interested in helping to prepare for the event. Judith Hayward volunteered. Staff asked if GCE board members would like to have a smaller reception beforehand with Governor Ritter. Judith Hayward said that would be good; Ted Edmonds and Keith Lambert agreed. A reception was scheduled for 5:15. Erica said that we have had a lot of interest for this event. Hoping for 80-100 people.

Finance Report

Tom referenced the summary of invoice memo, along the other documents included in the finance report.

Motion to approve accounts payable by Tom Jankovsky (items 1-3), seconded by Ted Edmonds.
Motion passed unanimously.

Project updates and reports

Tom Baker referenced New Castle and Elder Trucking articles from the newspaper. Judith Hayward commented that it was nice to see the article about Elder Trucking. Alice commented that this kind of coverage is the result of work on the part of Carn Burns and other staff, gathering the numbers on measurable results and writing the case study and then circulating the information so more people learn about various successes and is made possible by GCE marketing funds.

Information Items

Mike Braaten reported that the City of Rifle is pursuing a significant amount of additional solar through a power purchase agreement.

Tom Baker is becoming City Manager for the Town of New Castle. Keith Lambert expressed the board's gratitude for Tom's service and asked that it be noted that Tom Baker has made a significant contribution to Garfield Clean Energy.

Next meeting is Wednesday October 10th in Rifle

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

By:


Greg Ribot, 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 October 10, 2012.