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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13, 2013, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Board members present

City of Glenwood Springs: GCE Chair Leo McKinney

Town of Parachute: Judith Hayward

Garfield Library District: Jerry Morris

Town of Carbondale: GCE Vice Chair Allyn Harvey

Town of Silt: Rick Aluise

Garfield County: Tom Jankovsky

Library District: Jerry Morris

Town of New Castle: Tom Baker

CMC: Nancy Genova

Others attending

CLEER staff Alice Laird, Jeff Dickinson, Erica Sparhawk, Heather McGregor, and Karen Wahrmund

Public: Scott Mills

Members not present

RFTA: Ted Edmonds

City of Rifle: Keith Lambert

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m., Garfield County Human Services Building, 195 W. 14th St., Rifle

Board member and public comment

Scott Mills presented about the Clean Energy District financing model for “deep” residential retrofits of up to \$30,000. The Ygrene model offers financing based on the PACE program which is repaid over time as part of the owner’s property tax. Tom Jankovsky said Garfield Clean Energy (GCE) looked into this program in 2010, and Alice Laird added that the PACE model was derailed nationwide when lenders Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac objected to the first

lien on residential properties. Mills noted that California passed legislation to get around the lenders' objections, and called on GCE to seek a presentation from Ygrene. Leo McKinney asked for an historical recap on what GCE learned in 2010 for this financing program.

Consent Agenda - Approval of February 2013 Minutes: *Tom Jankovsky made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Allyn Harvey. The motion passed unanimously.*

Presentation: Strategic Plan: Goal No. 1, B and C. Increase the energy performance of businesses and energy efficiency in homes. Progress to date and next steps.

Erica Sparhawk presented on the residential and commercial programs results from 2010-2012. She also presented a plan for 2013 for rebates, energy coaching and outreach efforts, explaining what can be achieved within the current budget. A more detailed summary of year-to-date results will be presented at the April meeting as CLEER shifts to making quarterly reports on programs, services and results.

Judith Hayward suggested getting in touch with Jim Coombs, CEO of Grand River Health, regarding energy efficiency designs, energy coaching and Navigator services in the new clinic to be built in Battlement Mesa.

Discussion Items:

Follow up on last month's presentation: GCE partner building performance policy statement.

Erica Sparhawk presented two options for wording a policy statement for each partner to adopt to reinforce the value of energy savings and to engage energy champions within each partner entity.

Nancy Genova suggested explaining to staff how the energy saving funds would be used. Jerry Morris suggested giving energy champions a Maglite with a CLEER/GCEC sticker, and Judith Hayward suggested giving a portable solar charger as a direct, personal incentive.

Tom Jankovsky preferred the Option 2 language and made suggestions for improvements to the message. Leo McKinney requested that the revised policy be written in resolution format, which could be approved by the GCEC board and each of its partner boards. He noted that a uniform statement adopted by all partners is more powerful.

Reports on 2012 Savings

Erica presented graphs of each town's buildings energy usage based on data gathered from the Navigator system. She noted that 2012 data totals are still not available. The board asked that the chart be revised to indicate which buildings are covered by Navigator data.

Rick Aluisse asked to have the Silt wastewater treatment plant added to the Navigator system.

Proposal – Affiliate GCE membership

Alice Laird asked for guidance on establishing an affiliate membership in GCE. For example, the Roaring Fork School District suggested it could contribute \$5,000. The \$5,000 would cover membership, and the entity would be billed additional amounts for energy coaching and Navigator services. Jerry Morris suggested preparing a memo for potential affiliate members explaining the membership fee and the added costs for coaching and Navigator, so prospective members understand the full impact of startup membership costs and potential energy savings.

Tom Baker suggested contacting an internal champion at the district, such as board president Matt Hamilton, to negotiate a higher amount. Now is the time to talk to school districts because of their budget cycles. Allyn Harvey said having an affordable, \$5,000 GCE affiliate membership fee would open the door for the other two school districts. Tom Jankovsky asked Allyn Harvey to talk to Matt Hamilton about raising the dollar amount.

Leo McKinney suggested inviting the chambers as affiliates. Tom Jankovsky stated that an affiliate is not a government entity, but could be private businesses, utility companies, and school districts. The board asked for a written description of affiliate membership to discuss at the April meeting.

Finance Report and Action

Report from Finance Committee, Accounts Payable, Finance Report

Tom Jankovsky made a motion to approve the accounts payable, Judith Hayward seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 3, Series of 2013, adopting the amended budget and supplemental appropriation

The budget amendment reflects a \$100,000 challenge grant for 2013 issued by Garfield County, which was matched with contributions from the town of Carbondale (\$75,000), Encana Oil & Gas USA (\$24,000), Roaring Fork Education Foundation (\$3,500) and Aspen Science Foundation (\$1,000). Spending of the added \$203,500 is to be distributed throughout GCE's program areas.

Allyn Harvey made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3, seconded by Jerry Morris. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Transportation

With meeting time running short, board members were advised to review notes from Mike Ogburn in the meeting packet. Alice Laird noted that the ReFuel Colorado grant from the Colorado Energy Office is still pending.

Planning for strategic planning session

Board members agreed to devote the April meeting to a strategic planning session, to be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10th, at the Garfield County Human Services Building in Rifle. Lunch will be provided. Gary Suiter is to facilitate the meeting.

Community workshop/event on GCE targets and longer term clean energy financing

Alice Laird spoke about a tentative workshop event to be held this spring to explore possible long-term funding options for GCE. She also mentioned inviting Gov. Hickenlooper to make him aware of GCE's successes and the GCE model of creating jobs, and achieving targets for saving energy and money. Leo McKinney and Tom Jankovsky endorsed the idea of inviting the governor. Alice Laird suggested sending the governor a letter from the GCE Board asking him to be a part of this event. CLEER will look at dates and forward a draft letter to Leo McKinney.

Items not on the agenda

Alice Laird noted that Xcel Energy needs an MOU with GCE to advertise its clean energy loan program. Xcel's draft MOU is under review by GCE's attorney. The document is expected to be ready for the April board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

By: _____
Leo McKinney, 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 April 10, 2013.