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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 13, 2013, 1:50 to 3 p.m.

Carbondale Town Hall, 511 Colorado Ave., Carbondale

Board members present

Town of Carbondale: GCE Vice Chair Allyn Harvey

Town of Parachute: GCE Secretary: Judith Hayward

City of Glenwood Springs: David Sturges

Garfield County: Tom Jankovsky

CMC: Nancy Genova

Garfield Library District: Jerry Morris

RFTA: Jason White

Others attending

Obeji Accounting: Janet Obeji

CLEER: Heather McGregor, Erica Sparhawk

Members not attending

Town of Silt: Rick Aluise

City of Rifle: Barbara Clifton

Town of New Castle: Greg Russi

Next meeting: Dec. 11, 2013, 1-3 p.m., Garfield County Human Services, 195 W. 14th St., Rifle

Public comments: none

Board member comments: none

Consent Agenda

Approval of October 9, 2013 Minutes: *Tom Jankovsky made a motion to approve the October 2013 minutes, seconded by Judith Hayward. The motion passed unanimously.*

Finance Report

Janet Obeji: Accounts Payable, financial report

Janet Obeji updated the board on the GCE financials for October. Janet reported that she has transferred \$100,000 from the Credit Reserve Fund to Funding Partners for the Garfield Clean Energy Residential Revolving Loan Fund. Janet also offered advice about how to report

carryover funds in the budget by showing a “beginning balance” and an “ending balance” on the budget. She tracks these dollar amounts separately in Quickbooks.

Tom Jankovsky made a motion to approve the October accounts payable, seconded by Nancy Genova. The motion passed unanimously.

2014 draft budget

Heather McGregor offered a summary of the draft 2014 budget, now that almost all of the partners have made firm commitments for their 2014 contributions. The 2014 budget stands at \$369,400. Still uncertain are contributions from RFTA, the Town of New Castle and the Town of Carbondale. Meetings later in November will bring more certainty from these partners. Tom Jankovsky said the budget was properly balanced among program areas.

Heather also noted that she has budgeted \$25,000 from Encana, but the application process is being delayed this year because of changes in company leadership. This funding is used to run the Western Slope CNG Collaborative and GCE’s advocacy work for CNG. Board members advised CLEER to seek funding from other energy companies, and Tom Jankovsky said he would ask the county manager if GCEC could apply for an FMLD grant. Jason White suggested looking into grants from the Northwest COG and from the Department of Local Affairs. Jerry Morris advised Heather to remove the specific reference to Encana from the budget, but to continue to budget for \$25,000 in contributions in hopes that this funding can be secured.

Judith Hayward also raised the idea of asking the Battlement Mesa Metro District to join GCE and contribute to the countywide effort. Tom agreed to go meet with the Metro District officials and present this idea.

Program and policy updates

Heather referred to a memo in the board packet from Cam Burns listing all the locations where he distributed the new 2011-2013 Progress Report. He distributed 1,000 copies of the report from Parachute to Carbondale, and received very positive feedback from people at the libraries, town halls and community centers. Judi asked for about 100 copies to be delivered to the Parachute Rest Stop Visitor Center in the spring.

Heather is writing a memo for the Department of Local Affairs to support a policy change that would allow DOLA to grant money for purchase of vehicles powered by CNG and other alternative fuels. Tom asked to receive a copy of the memo. He is meeting with Mesa County officials and would like to discuss this policy change with them. Heather mentioned that once the grant policy is amended, GCEC could pursue an alternative-fuel vehicle grant from DOLA, either through Garfield County or through the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado.

Heather and Erica Sparhawk also summarized what they have learned about the Georgetown University Energy Prize. The prize is a three-year competition for communities of 5,000 to 250,000 population. Garfield County is eligible, but a considerable amount of work must be done over the competition period, with energy savings focused on the residential and government building sectors. Commercial energy savings are explicitly not included in the competition. In addition, an FAQ document noted that some communities could be disqualified if the panel of judges determines that the communities are “too far along” in their energy efficiency efforts.

Heather and Erica said this could well be the case for Garfield County, given its prior grant awards from DOLA and the DOE, and they recommended that the prize not be pursued.

Upcoming events

GCE and CLEER are hosting a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators Roundtable event at Rifle City Hall on Nov. 21. They have invited plant operators from within Garfield County and from neighboring counties to have a peer-to-peer discussion and to learn about the operational changes at the Rifle WWTP that resulted in 20% energy savings.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 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 December 11, 2013.