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Garfield County | Garfield County Public Library District | Roaring Fork Transportation Authority | Colorado Mountain College

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 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: Secretary Judith Hayward

Garfield County: Treasurer Tom Jankovsky

Town of Silt: Rick Aluise

Town of New Castle: Tom Baker

City of Rifle: Keith Lambert

Library District: Jerry Morris

CMC: Nancy Genova

RFTA: Jason White

Others attending

CLEER: Heather McGregor and Karen Wahrmond

GCE Bookkeeper: Janet Obeji by teleconference

Holy Cross: Mary Wiener

City of Glenwood Springs: Dave Sturges

Members not present

Town of Carbondale: GCE Vice Chair Allyn Harvey

Next meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Rifle Library, 207 E. Ave., Rifle

Board member and public comment

None

Consent Agenda - Approval of Dec. 11, 2013 Minutes. Retain Karp, Neu, Hanlon for legal services. Retain Obeji Accounting for bookkeeping services. Retain McMahan & Associates for 2013 audit. : Keith Lambert made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Rick Aluise. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report

Janet Obeji: Accounts Payable, financial report

Janet Obeji presented the financial reports: Balance Sheet, Income vs. Expenses, Unpaid Bills Detail, A/R Aging, Credit Reserve Budget vs. Actual, GCE Budget vs. Actual. She will be sending an invoice to all the partners within the next two weeks for their 2014 membership contributions.

Nancy Genova made a motion to approve the accounts payable, seconded by Leo McKinney. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

Election of Officers and Finance Committee

Chairman: Leo McKinney nominated Allyn Harvey as Chair, seconded by Rick Aluisse.

Vice-Chair: Judith Hayward nominated Leo McKinney as Vice Chair, seconded by Rick Aluisse.

Secretary: Nancy Genova nominated Judith Hayward as Secretary, seconded by Tom Baker.

Treasurer: Rick Aluisse nominated Tom Jankovsky as Treasurer, seconded by Leo McKinney.

All motions passed unanimously.

Finance Committee current members are Leo McKinney, Tom Jankovsky, Judith Hayward and Jerry Morris. Leo McKinney suggested keeping the finance committee as is.

Rick Aluisse made a motion to keep the finance committee the same, seconded by Nancy Genova.

Leo McKinney then made a motion to add Allyn Harvey's name to the finance committee, seconded by Nancy Genova. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 1: Meeting locations, schedule and agenda posting places.

Tom Baker made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1, seconded by Leo McKinney. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2: Energy savings investment

In December, board members briefly discussed this concept and asked CLEER to bring a draft resolution to the January meeting. The goal is to promote the reinvestment of energy savings in additional efficiency measures and in supporting Garfield Clean Energy. Heather McGregor said the No. 1 "Now therefore" point could be revised to compare energy saving to the 2009 baseline rather than year-over-year.

Jason White suggested that member boards could adopt the resolution in their own words, and suggested that each member could track their own savings and create a line item in their budget for these savings. Jason said the savings would be an awareness factor for the member boards, and he called on CLEER to report the savings to each member board. Nancy Genova suggested using more assertive wording to allocate this money. Rick Aluisse endorsed the idea of creating a budget line item for energy savings. Jason said at minimum, the savings should be used to fund GCE membership.

Jerry Morris raised concerns about tying GCE membership too closely to savings, because each entity's energy use will change over time. For example, the library district has all new buildings, RFTA installed a CNG compressor, and Glenwood Springs and Rifle have recently built new

wastewater treatment facilities with far different levels of energy use. He said the year-over-year comparison is more realistic.

Keith Lambert noted that energy savings is money that would have been spent anyway, and that it should go to GCE to help everyone save energy. He and Tom Baker said this point should be added to the resolution as a new “whereas” statement. Jerry also suggested that energy savings should be presented to the member boards at the same time GCE is asking for membership contributions. Tom noted that board members will understand that changes in facilities will affect energy savings.

Tom Baker suggested a rewrite of the No. 1 statement and eliminating the No. 2. Nancy noted that GCE is promoting a new way to do business. She said at CMC, there is plenty of competition for new uses for money saved on energy. Encouraging reinvestment in new measures and in GCE is a “baby step,” and she called on GCE to “go out and show the savings that has taken place.”

Jason said if No. 2 is eliminated, No. 1 should incorporate the language that this benefits residents and businesses. The board asked the staff to incorporate Tom Baker’s changes and present the resolution again in February.

Program and policy updates

2013 4th Quarter Report

Heather McGregor updated the board on the 4th Quarter Report. Leo McKinney asked Heather about the payback term for the Residential Revolving Loan Fund. Heather said the terms are for one to seven years. Judith Hayward mentioned an upcoming chamber event in Parachute where she could hand out the loan fliers. Dave Sturges commented that the report is outstanding and that CLEER is doing a great job. Heather highlighted the fact that residents and businesses spent over \$1 million in energy improvement upgrades in 2013. Heather will forward the 4th Quarter Report to each governing board.

2014 Legislature update

Heather will be tracking energy related bills moving through the Colorado Legislature on the Garfield Clean Energy website.

2014 Strategic Plan meeting date options

Tom Jankovsky said it would be best to have the planning session on a GCE board meeting day, and to just make it a longer session. The board tentatively set April 9 as the Strategic Plan date.

GCE member utility bill franchise fee charges

Heather McGregor reported that energy utilities are charging GCE member governments franchise fees or sales taxes for some utility accounts. Member governments can seek a refund for about three years of these fees and taxes. Heather will email each board member the spreadsheet for their accounts, and recommended that the staff or attorney for each member government can contact the utilities to seek a refund and request that the fees and taxes be removed from future bills.

Budget and grant updates

Consider reviving Long-Term Funding Committee

Leo McKinney stated that the committee should be revived. The board nominated Greg Russi, Allyn Harvey, and Dave Sturges to the funding committee.

Leo McKinney made a motion to revive the long-term funding committee, and Judith Hayward seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Grant opportunities

Tom Jankovsky said GCE could now apply for a Garfield FMLD grant, and recommends that GCE apply for \$25,000 to fund GCE's work managing the Western Slope CNG Collaborative and other CNG advocacy work. Heather also reported that she will be applying for a \$2,000 grant from Williams Midstream, after having a conversation with a Williams staffer.

Presentations

Mary Wiener, Holy Cross Energy On-bill financing

Mary Wiener, Energy Efficiency Program Administrator for Holy Cross Energy, presented on the utility's new on-bill financing program. Holy Cross partnered with Bank of Colorado to create on-bill financing. The customer uses the loan fund to make electric efficiency improvements, and repays the loan on their monthly electric bill. The program is for residential and commercial customers. Jason White asked if GCE could apply on behalf of all its members. Mary said each loan must still be tied to a Holy Cross Energy account.

Mary also talked about Holy Cross Energy rebate programs, which are aimed at giving customers the incentive to choose the most efficient upgrade. Tom Jankovsky asked about standards for replacing a motor. Mary said it would have to exceed the industry standard for efficiency. Holy Cross is looking for people to go above and beyond.

Leo said he would like to hear about the on-bill financing after it's been functioning for a while, as it might be something for Glenwood Springs Electric to consider. Dave Sturges asked about the marketing. Holy Cross hired Mary Kenyon to manage the marketing through print and radio ads. Judith suggested putting ads on Parachute's community radio station.

Upcoming events

Contractor event, Feb. 13 at Glenwood Springs Community Center. Mary Wiener will be one of the speakers, and the contractors will be updated on all rebates and loan programs.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

By: *Allyn Harvey*
Allyn Harvey, Chairperson

ATTEST: *Judith Hayward*
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 February 12, 2014.