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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 14, 2014, 2:30 to 3:07 p.m.

Grand River Health, 501 Airport Road, Rifle

Board members present

Town of Carbondale: GCE Chair Allyn Harvey

Town of New Castle: Bob Gordon

City of Rifle: Barb Clifton, Keith Lambert

Town of Parachute: Stuart McArthur

Garfield County: Treasurer: Tom Jankovsky

RFTA: Jason White (attending by phone)

Others attending

CLEER: Heather McGregor

Members not present

City of Glenwood Springs: GCE Vice Chair Leo McKinney

CMC: Nancy Genova, Pete Waller

Town of Silt: Rick Aluise

Library District: Jerry Morris

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 11, 2014, Rifle Branch Library, 207 East Ave., Rifle

Board member and public comment

None.

Consent Agenda - Approval of April 9, 2014 minutes: *Bob Gordon made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Stuart McArthur. The motion passed unanimously.*

Finance Report

Accounts Payable, financial report

Tom Jankovsky noted that not all the invoices included in the Unpaid Bills report were included in the Financials packet sent to the Finance Committee members. The missing invoices were from CLEER, Nos. 869 to 873. Invoices from CLEER included in the packet were 867 and 868.

Allyn Harvey made a motion to approve the accounts payable for the invoices included in the packet, and then amended his motion to authorize payment of all the unpaid bills contingent on Tom Jankovsky's review and approval of the missing invoices from CLEER. Bob Gordon seconded the amended motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Strategic Planning

1st Draft 2015 Strategic Plan. With a shortened agenda, there was not time for a lengthy discussion of the draft plan. Heather McGregor noted that she and Keith Lambert met prior to the board meeting to discuss the first draft, and she received helpful feedback from Keith. Heather brought out three key items that are new in the draft plan.

Within Goal 1A, Active Energy Management, there is a new action step:

- Provide recommendations to each member's board and staff for specific EE projects, and seek the member board's commitment for funding these projects in the upcoming year's budget and completing the projects. Make real project commitments that work to reach Goal 1A.

Tom Jankovsky, Stuart McArthur and Barb Clifton questioned whether their boards would make such a commitment. Tom noted that Garfield County is going through a facilities master plan, and he would like all buildings to be energy efficient. Allyn Harvey said if a proposed project can be done as a responsible thing for taxpayers, that will be a strong case for any board. Keith Lambert said this is a commitment for GCE members, not for CLEER. He said he sees it as a soft action step, because it's a recommendation, not a requirement. Stuart said the idea will work if the projects make good fiscal sense.

Within Goal 1A there is a new action step:

Benchmarking / ENERGY STAR ratings for buildings:

- Gather and enter data into ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager to determine a rating for each building and facility – or -- compare existing Navigator data for buildings to ENERGY STAR's standardized list of BTUs per square foot for each building type.

Heather explained how benchmarking works to rate the energy efficiency of buildings compared to similar buildings across the country, and said this could be done for GCE partner buildings. Keith noted that benchmarking would provide a level of accountability, and help show that GCE members are meeting Goal 1A.

Within Goal 3, there is a new action step:

Policy:

- Develop a policy resolution for each member government to adopt aimed at becoming net-zero for electricity consumption in all its buildings and facilities by a date certain.

Stuart suggested that the step be softened up to read: "... a policy resolution for each member government to consider adopting..."

Stuart also noted that in reading GCE's mission and goals, he does not see them to be strongly connected. He said as written now, the goals are more like results, rather than actions that support the mission. The board agreed to discuss this further at the June meeting.

The draft 2015 Strategic Plan will be put on the June 11 agenda for further board discussion.

Long-term funding report: Heather referred the board to a memo in the packet reporting her research on potential revenues from leasing vacant land for community solar gardens, and on Boulder's tax on electric bills to fund energy efficiency programs.

Action Items

FMLD grant results, 2014 budget adjustments. Heather reported that the Garfield County FMLD awarded a \$25,000 grant to Garfield Clean Energy for its Western Slope CNG work. With this funding assured, the board can make decisions regarding allocations of the \$8,000 of uncommitted funds in the solar education line item in the 2014 budget. (The board has already committed \$1,000 to sponsor four Solar Roller teams from high schools within Garfield County.)

She referred the board to a memo in the packet that suggested three spending options:

1. Sponsorship of the Solar Rollers competition event on May 17 in Glenwood Springs.
2. Purchase of additional hardware in order to connect Rifle City Hall's new solar array to the Energy Navigator.
3. Allocation of remaining funds to GCE Renewable Energy lines 41000 and 44000 to provide technical assistance for new and existing solar arrays in Garfield County.

Board members declined to allocate funding for the Solar Rollers sponsorship, but noted that they would sponsor the event in the future if more schools in western Garfield County participate.

Tom Jankovsky made a motion to approve up to \$2,500 to purchase hardware needed to connect Rifle City Hall's new solar array to the Energy Navigator, and to allocate the remaining funds to the Renewable Energy line items for technical assistance. Bob Gordon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 6, Acceptance of the Garfield County FMLD grant. Heather noted that a formal resolution is required to accept the \$25,000 grant awarded to Garfield Clean Energy by the Garfield County FMLD.

Stuart McArthur made a motion to approve Resolution No. 6 and to authorize the GCE chairman to sign associated documents. Barb Clifton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alt Fuels Colorado grant endorsement letter. Heather explained that the Colorado Energy Office will be opening up a grant for communities to apply for up to \$500,000 in funding from the Alt Fuels Colorado grant program to help pay for new compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling stations. She asked the GCE board to sign a letter of endorsement supporting a grant application for a CNG station to be located in Glenwood Springs.

Tom Jankovsky made a motion to send the letter of endorsement for the grant application and authorizing the GCE chair to sign the letter. Stuart McArthur seconded.

Bob Gordon asked how the emissions compare between CNG and gasoline. Heather said from the tailpipe, CNG emissions are about 30 percent less than gasoline. She noted that the Colorado Energy Office is being asked to conduct a lifecycle emissions study that will look at the entire process from the gas or oil well to the vehicle tailpipe.

The motion passed unanimously.

Program Updates

1st Quarter Report. Heather referred board members to the 1st Quarter Report in the board packet. She noted that the numbers are weak for the first quarter, but she expects to report much stronger numbers for households and businesses in the second quarter. She noted that having rebates to offer countywide make a big difference, as did the community outreach done by Judith Hayward and Stuart McArthur in the Parachute-Battlement Mesa area.

Bike and Walk to School Challenge results. Heather reported that District 16's Bea Underwood Elementary in Battlement Mesa won the Challenge for the second year in a row. An awards assembly will be held on May 22 at the school. Carbondale Community School placed second and Carbondale Middle School placed third.

Adjourn

Stuart McArthur made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tom Jankovsky seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

By: *Allyn Harvey*, 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 June 11, 2014.