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Board Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016, 11:05 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Glenwood Springs Branch Library, 815 Cooper Ave., Glenwood Springs

Board members attending

Town of Parachute: GCE Chair Stuart McArthur
Town of Carbondale: GCE Vice Chair Allyn Harvey
Garfield County: Treasurer Tom Jankovsky
CMC: Secretary Rachel Pokrandt
City of Rifle: Joe Elliot
Garfield County: Josh Williams
RFTA: Jason White

Others attending

CLEER: Heather McGregor, Alice Laird

Board members not present

Town of Silt: Rick Aluise
City of Glenwood Springs: Leo McKinney
Town of New Castle: Bruce Leland

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2016
Colorado Mountain College, 3695 Airport Road, Rifle

Call meeting to order

Chair Stuart McArthur called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Roll call and approval of agenda

Rachel Pokrandt took the roll.

Rachel Pokrandt moved to approve the agenda, Tom Jankovsky seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Board member and public comments: None

Consent Agenda

Minutes for Dec. 16, 2015, regular board meeting

Jason White moved to approve the Dec. 16 minutes. Josh Williams seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Joe Elliot, Rachel Pokrandt and Tom Jankovsky abstained.

Financials

December 2015 and YTD financial reports and accounts payable

Tom Jankovsky reviewed the balance sheet and budget-to-actual reports for the end of 2015. He noted that GCE will end the fiscal year with \$38,000 in equity. This puts the organization in a good position to cover the upfront costs of an FMLD grant award, should that come to pass.

Tom Jankovsky moved to approve the financial reports and the accounts payable. Joe Elliot seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

Election of Officers and Finance Committee for 2016

Board members discussed possible candidates for board chair. Heather McGregor reported that Rick Aluise cannot attend the board meetings at the current day and time. Board members discussed options for a different meeting day and time, and asked Heather to send out a poll to all board members to identify a better meeting time. Board members set the election of officers aside until Allyn arrives. *(See page 3.)*

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

Stuart noted that the board can amend this resolution if the meeting dates change. He said the most important part of the resolution is the agenda posting places.

Tom Jankovsky moved to approve Resolution No. 1, while allowing the meeting dates to be flexible. Jason White seconded the motion. Tom amended his motion to approve Resolution 1, but strike item 1 and renumber item 2 as item 1. Jason agreed to the amendment and the motion passed unanimously.

Retain Karp, New, Hanlon for legal services and Balanced Bookkeeping for bookkeeping services

Rachel Pokrandt moves to retain Karp, New, Hanlon for legal services and Balanced Bookkeeping for bookkeeping services in 2016. Joe Elliot seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Local Power Generation

Heather summarized the Local Power memo in the board packet, presenting two options for the board to consider to carry out an inventory of potential power generation resources in Garfield County. One option would be to issue an RFP for private sector firms to respond to; another option would be to partner with the Colorado Clean Energy Collaboratory.

Rachel Pokrandt and Jason White both expressed support for the option of working with the Collaboratory. In response to a question from Joe, Tom said the idea of the inventory is to study all the potential power-generating assets in the county: hydro, solar, geothermal, natural gas. Jason suggested developing a scope of work. Heather offered to write a draft scope of work, confer with the Collaboratory's executive director, David Hiller, and ask Mr. Hiller to attend the Feb. 17 meeting in person or by telephone.

Election of Officers and Finance Committee for 2016

With the arrival of Allyn Harvey, the board returned to this action item. Tom Jankovsky repeated his suggestion for re-electing the 2015 officers and finance committee for 2016. All four officers said they would be willing to serve again.

Tom Jankovsky moved to re-elect the board officers to serve again in 2016: Stuart McArthur as chair, Allyn Harvey as vice-chair, Rachel Pokrandt as secretary and Tom Jankovsky as treasurer. Joe Elliot seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Program updates

4th Quarter 2015 Report

Heather presented highlights from the report, from a year-end perspective. She noted the success of GCE's residential loan fund, standard residential coaching and the Home Energy Program for income-qualified households. Residential coaching doubled the 2015 goal of 70 households, with 146 homes receiving energy upgrades.

The commercial coaching did not reach the 2015 goal, in part because GCE did not have rebates to offer. Rebates engage property owners, who then provide information on their energy upgrade projects. Tom suggested asking the Garfield FMLD for a mini grant to provide rebates, and said he would pursue this idea with FMLD officials.

Heather also summarized other results from the year, including overall economic impacts of projects, new solar arrays, CNG fueling stations, events, trainings, media coverage and website usage. Tom noted that the \$300,000 GCE program is generating many times that amount of money in economic development. Heather said she is planning to write a news release about the report. Tom asked that it also be sent to state Rep. Bob Rankin.

Draft 2016 program calendar

Heather shared the draft calendar for 2016 for the board's awareness of what is being planned for the year ahead.

Rachel, Tom and Allyn suggested hosting one or two meetings that would give GCE program recipients a chance to talk with elected officials, particularly the Rifle City Council. Allyn suggested meetings in June and September, to "plant the seed and water it again at budget time." Joe said he would bring up the idea with his board, noting that they need to hear the economic development benefits of GCE programs.

RMI Solar Model T Project

Heather reported that Matt Shmigelsky has spent a few hours participating in the development of a "bulk buying" approach to solar energy with a team at Rocky Mountain Institute and with Holy Cross Energy. Initial talks are looking at a site in Eagle County with Vail Resorts as a potential subscriber. The idea could also benefit Holy Cross customers in Garfield County.

Goal 4: Identify funding to meet goals

Report on Jan. 14 meeting with OEDIT

Alice reported that the meeting, which involved a trip to Denver by herself, Stuart, Allyn and Tom, had to be postponed. She is working with OEDIT Director Fiona Arnold to identify a new meeting date, and noted that it's possible that Ms. Arnold would travel to Garfield County to see what is happening here.

Alice also noted that Colorado state government is developing the state's response to the federal Clean Power Plan. This presents an opportunity for GCE to offer some ideas on ways to make energy efficiency work through community efforts. Allyn suggested writing a memo that could be used as language in the state's plan.

C-PACE

Alice reported that the C-PACE commercial lending program has not been scheduled for the Garfield BOCC. Tom asked how many other counties have signed on, and suggested that it would be better to wait until several other counties are on board, not just Boulder.

Carbondale carbon fee ballot question

Allyn reported that the Carbondale Trustees voted to place a carbon tax on the April 5 municipal ballot. The fee would be applied to electric and natural gas bills, and will raise about \$300,000 to \$350,000 per year for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects and programs in the town. He said the energy utilities will collect the fee on monthly bills and then remit the money to the town government. Allyn called the proposal a big moment in Carbondale's energy conversation, and said he hopes people will turn out to vote for it.

Garfield FMLD action plan

Heather summarized a memo in the board packet, which is proposes that the Garfield FMLD create a new "column" of funds for energy efficiency, renewable energy and alternative fuels grants for eligible local governments. It's modeled after DOLA's Alt Fuels Initiative, which allows local governments to apply for funding from the Initiative while still applying for funds through DOLA's normal EIAF program.

Stuart said Commissioner Mike Samson emphasized his desire to see a countywide initiative during his comments at the annual FMLD luncheon earlier in the week. Stuart suggested that GCE members could identify a set of projects for that funding, such as upgraded HVAC systems in town halls. Tom said it would be ideal if the FMLD would reserve a pool of funds for this purpose every year. Tom said he would be meeting with FMLD board member Gregg Rippey, and would bring up these ideas.

Upcoming events

Heather and Alice summarized upcoming events and encouraged board members to attend: the ribbon cutting for the Roaring Fork High School solar array on Jan. 28, a Clean Energy Convening hosted by the Aspen Community Foundation on Jan. 29, the Mobility, Fuels and Funding Forum on Feb. 5, and the Contractor Expo on March 17.

Board members discussed setting a date for the annual Strategic Planning Retreat. A two-day Energy Symposium is set for April 21 and 22. The board agreed to set the retreat for Thursday, May 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at CMC Rifle.

Adjournment

Allyn Harvey moved to adjourn the meeting, Tom Jankovsky seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Stuart McArthur adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

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By: _____
Stuart McArthur, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Rachel Pokrandt, Secretary

These minutes were reviewed and approved by a vote of the Garfield Clean Energy Board of Directors at its meeting held on Feb. 17, 2016.

