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Board Meeting Minutes: Friday, November 4, 2016, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Garfield County Administration Building 108 8th Street Glenwood Springs

Board members attending

Town of Parachute: GCE Chair Stuart McArthur
Town of Carbondale: Vice Chair Katrina Byars
Town of Silt: Secretary Rick Aluise
City of Glenwood Springs: Leo McKinney
Garfield County: Tom Jankovsky
RFTA: Jason White
Town of New Castle: Bruce Leland

Others attending

CLEER: Alice Laird, Shelley Kaup

Board members not present -

CMC: Richard Maestas
City of Rifle: Theresa Hamilton

Next meeting: Friday, December 9th, CMC Campus Rifle

Call meeting to order

Stuart McArthur called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call and approval of agenda:

Rick Aluise took roll; Katrina Byars moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Leo McKinney, approved unanimously.

Board member and public comments

Tom Jankovsky asked about the status of the Rifle CNG Station because CNG fueling option in Rifle is critical for county vehicles that have been purchased. Alice shared that Matt Schmigelsky was going to give an update on Rifle CNG station and multiple alternative fuels issues at the meeting but had a schedule conflict and that staff will follow up with a memo update on alternative fuels.

Katrina Byars asked about options for electric vehicles for low-income populations and more transportation options for seniors. Bruce Leland, and Stuart McArthur brought up how the Traveler is overbooked and board members shared examples of the challenges facing providing alternative transportation for seniors countywide. Jason White said the two new Traveler Vans are CNG, and that smaller electric vehicles might be a good option.

Katrina asked if the bulk-buy approach was still moving forward; Alice stated that staff are working on it and would bring the topic back at the next GCE meeting for next steps.

Consent Agenda: Minutes for October 14, 2016, board meeting

Tom Jankovsky noted a correction needed in the October minutes: Page 2 “receivables of \$35,000” needs to be changed to “Payables”. Tom Jankovsky moved that with that change being made, approval of the October 14th minutes; Katrina Byars seconded; passed unanimously.

Financials

October 2016 and YTD financial reports and accounts payable

Alice stated that with the GCE meeting moved to first Friday of the month due to Veterans Day that it was not possible to complete the series of steps set up with GCE Bookkeeping firm to get financials to Finance Committee yet, and asked if the Board would give approval for the Finance Committee to approve financials and payables via a phone conference meeting or via email. Katrina Byars made a motion to authorize the Finance Committee to meet/give approval on financials and payables later in the month; seconded by Rick Aluise, passed unanimously.

Action Item:

Energy Smart Colorado Agreement

Board members reviewed the Energy Smart agreement and recommended multiple changes. The specific changes were hand recorded on the Agreement, and include: simplify and shorten the document; make sure the document only references GCE and Energy Smart Colorado, mention of CORE and CLEER is not needed in the document; delete mention of carbon emissions; confirm that ESC is also adhering to standards, delete language that is ambiguous or comes across as insulting; stress the partnership aspects of joining Energy Smart over GCE adhering to a strict program and guidelines.

Board members expressed multiple concerns about the ambiguity of various passages, and tone of the document, and recommended that the Agreement include language that recognizes the accomplishments of GCE. Where language directs GCE to follow certain guidelines, board members recommended that be replaced with “GCE will adhere to ESC guidelines where they align with GCE” guidelines; and that reference to ESC also adhering to standards and guidelines also be included. An accompanying list of any standards and guidelines that are referenced in the Agreement also needs to be attached to the Agreement.

Staff confirmed they will work with Peter Rusin to create a simpler version that addresses concerns and bring the agreement back to the GCE board at a later meeting. Alice clarified that the Agreement was a standard version that Energy Smart had developed over the last several years, and was not developed by the new director Peter Rusin.

Program Presentations:

Update-Xcel Energy Partners in Energy Planning effort and Update on 2017 Strategic Plan

Alice provided an update on the Xcel Energy Partners in Energy (PIE) planning process and shared how the plan content, once approved, can provide the content for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy sections of the GCE Strategic Plan. The PIE effort is providing a good opportunity to address the questions Stuart McArthur had raised earlier in the year about whether GCE goals and actions can be measured. Alice shared the completion of the PIE plan, and incorporating the content into the GCE Strategic Plan is on a tight timeline to complete before the end of the year.

Staff referred to a hand out of slides and list of strategies brainstormed from the last PIE Stakeholder Workshop and provided a brief update, and shared that the planning team wanted to make sure the GCE Board is aware of the content of the plan and ongoing discussions to make sure the plan is in alignment. Alice asked the Board to please provide any feedback on the strategies that have been brainstormed so far. Board members Bruce Leland, Jason White, and Katrina Byars have been participating in the Stakeholder meetings, as well as board alternate Josh Williams.

Alice also asked the board for guidance on the goals section of the plan, and shared that the goals section is one area that will be finalized toward the end of the planning process with guidance from the GCE Board. Does the board want visionary, middle ground, or pragmatic goals? The model will analyze what level of activity is needed to reach goals. Board members provided input on goals. Tom Jankovsky expressed that GCE has visionary long-term goals, but needs to add more pragmatic annual goals based on what can be done each year with available budget. Rick Aluise said it would also be helpful to have middle ground goals as well. Katrina Byars said she would like to make sure GCE is raising the bar, and encouraging Xcel to reach.

Jason White noted that the plan does not include transportation – only building energy use, and that it would be great to have a similar level of discussion and effort on transportation energy use, and how to better connect increasing electric-powered transportation with renewable energy.

Timeframes and years for goals were discussed. Tom stated that it would be good set a new goal in 2020, with 2020 as the baseline. Katrina Byars said it would also be good if the plan included longer-term goals for 2050.

Presentation on Alternative Fuels

Alice stated that due to Matt Schmigelsky's schedule conflict staff will develop an update memo on alternative fuels and distribute to the board via email.

CPACE Commercial Financing Progress

Alice relayed that County staff had placed the CPACE agreement for Garfield County to join the statewide CPACE program on an upcoming Monday agenda. Board members said that GCE should be sure to get the word out on the new option and make sure it is used; Jason White suggested that it be connected with Green MLS efforts.

Update/Outcomes of meetings with GCE Partners

Alice reported that most of the update and budget request presentations have been made to GCE partner boards. Board members shared the status of budget requests:

Katrina Byars: Carbondale, \$25,000

Leo McKinney: Glenwood Springs, \$45,000

Bruce Leland: New Castle, \$17,000

Rick Aluise: Silt is still under discussion, but if approved, will be \$3000

Stuart McArthur: depends on the outcome of the November election; will set budget afterwards.

Tom Jankovsky: Garfield County budget includes \$150,000; budget will be voted on November 14.

Jason White: RFTA, \$25,000.

Board members asked staff to check on status of Rifle funding. CMC funding is included in the budget they passed during the summer.

Statewide Funding Effort

Alice shared information on the December 5th meeting in Denver with OEDIT, DOLA, and CEO Directors. The meeting will be 2:00-3:00 at OEDIT offices, and any GCE Board members that can make it are encouraged to attend. Katrina Byars confirmed that she will be attending. Rick Aluise is hoping to attend; Jason White stated he is working to get approval to attend; Stuart McArthur is looking at whether he can attend as well.

Jason White reported on the VW Settlement that might open up funding for electric vehicles and other clean energy transportation options. Jason reported that RFTA is actively participating in the issue and advocating for equitable distribution of the funding around the state.

Upcoming events

Staff announced upcoming events: Grid Alternatives Workshop on Community Solar for Income Qualified participants, November 7 & 9 in Parachute and Carbondale; November 17: 10-12 WasteWater Treatment Plant Round Table for Energy Management; November 29: Xcel Partners in Energy Stakeholder Meeting, 10 – 1 New Castle.

Adjournment

Jason White made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Rick Aluise. Passed unanimously.

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By: _____
Stuart McArthur, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Rick Aluise, Secretary

These minutes were reviewed and approved by a vote of the Garfield Clean Energy Board of Directors at its meeting held on December 9, 2016.