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Roaring Fork Transportation Authority  
Colorado Mountain College

## **Board Meeting Minutes: Friday, Dec. 8, 2017 1:00 p.m.**

Garfield County Administration Building, Glenwood Springs, Colorado

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### **Board members attending**

RFTA: GCE Vice Chair Jason White  
Town of Carbondale: Frosty Merriott  
Town of New Castle: Bruce Leland  
Town of Silt: GCE Secretary, Rick Aluise  
City of Glenwood Springs: Rick Voorhees  
Garfield County: Frank Coberly  
CMC: Sean Nesbitt

### **Others attending**

CLEER: Erica Sparhawk, Brandon Jones

### **Board members not present**

Town of Parachute: GCE Chair Stuart McArthur  
City of Rifle: Theresa Hamilton  
Garfield County: Tom Jankovsky

**Next meeting:** Friday, January 12th, 2017, 1:00 p.m. at the Garfield Count Administration Buildings in Glenwood Springs.

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### **Call meeting to order:**

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

### **Roll call and approval of agenda:**

Rick Aluise completed the roll call.

*Frank Coberly moved to approve the meeting agenda; Rick Voorhees seconded, and motion passed unanimously.*

### **Board member and public comments**

Bruce stated support for the LOVA trail and that the project has a new director Jeanie Dulet and encouraged staff keep them in mind while planning Ride Garfield County events.

Erica suggested that GCE could write letter of support for any grant that LOVA may apply for if Bruce wanted to make the request. Jason mentioned RFTA is offering support to LOVA as well and that they are excited to help move the project along.

### **Consent Agenda: Approval of October 2017 minutes**

*Rick Voorhees moved to approve the minutes for the board meeting on October 13, 2017; Rick Aluise and Bruce Leland abstained, as they were not present; Frank Coberly seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

### **Financials**

Frank Coberly asked about GCE billable line item 61300, which has not been present in previous financials. Erica explained the Partner in Energy staffing hours funded by Xcel and the billing process, which needed to be added to the income and expense sections of the financials. Garfield Clean Energy will be invoicing Xcel for this time.

*Rick Aluise moved to approve the financials, bills paid, and accounts payable; Frank Coberly seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.*

### **Budget Action Items**

#### **2018 Public Hearing**

*Rick Voorhees moved to open the public hearing; Rick Aluise seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.*

**Jason invited public comment. No public comments were made.**

*Rick Voorhees moved to close the public comment; Rick Aluise seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Resolution No. 3 Adoption of 2018 Budget**

Erica explained the 2018 budget, revenues, and expenses. There was discussion about the NREL grant status. Frank asked about the carry over balance and Erica shared that it is an estimate at this time.

*Rick Voorhees moved to approve Resolution No. 3; Frank Coberly seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Resolution No. 4 Annual Appropriation of Funds**

During discussion, Rick Voorhees asked about Goal 4 implementation. Erica read Goal No. 4 from the 2016 Strategic Plan about funding efforts and summarized progress to date and plans moving forward.

Jason read Resolution No. 4 and entertained a motion to adopt.

*Rick Aluise moved to approve Resolution No. 4; Sean Nesbitt seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.*

### **Action Items**

## **CLEER 2018 Service Contract and Scope of Work**

Erica described the CLEER service contract and scope of work. Rick Aluise asked about the key differences from the 2017 contract. Erica summarized differences including oil and gas project search. Frank shared that Kirby Wynn is the best person to talk with about this at the County. Frosty asked about CNG station developers and whether or not they could help identify key partners in this process.

Erica described Empower your Congregation outreach, agricultural outreach, and the emphasis on a workshop series rather than a single day Contractor Expo as other differences in the scope of work for 2018.

*Rick Aluise moved to approve CLEER 2018 contract and scope of work; Rick Voorhees seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.*

## **State agency funding options and next steps**

Brandon passed out the new GCE brochures which Alice had shared with state agency staff at a meeting in late November. Bruce asked for more to give to the public. Erica described the Office of Resiliency and DOLA meetings Alice attended in Denver and how staff were very interested in the GCE model.

The Board should expect an update and possibly a draft letter from GCE with a proposal for statewide support at the January meeting.

## **Clean Energy Innovation Corridor update/next steps (NREL application)**

NREL has accepted our grant application. Staff will attend a call on December 14<sup>th</sup> that will explain what resources will be offered.

## **Program Updates**

### **Large solar projects in the county update and overview**

Xcel has given the final approval for aggregate net metering at the New Castle public works building and wastewater treatment plant. Staff will be actively pursuing similar projects for Garfield Clean Energy partners.

Erica explained the community solar arrays progress and all the GCE partners that are signing up and the 11MW of solar that will be built in the coming year in Garfield and Mesa Counties.

Jason asked about Glenwood Springs and any potential for solar arrays. Erica described challenges and opportunities to installing solar arrays in City of Glenwood Springs.

### **CARE program: update and grant funding**

Erica stated that the RFA is being submitted today - \$70,000 application to EOC. We leverage nearly as much funding from utilities. We will find out next month if the

application is approved.

**Transportation: DOE Grant Application, Electric Vehicle outreach support**

Erica informed the Board of the DOE grant application from CLEER as the lead to support statewide DC fast charging station.

Jason stated that RFTA would be interested in being a part of planning and that CNG and electric co-located filling stations are encouraged by grantors, and Glenwood Springs could be a good fit for a site. Jason also recommended paying attention to the VW settlement \$68 million dollars.

Rick Voorhees asked about the allocation process for the VW funds. Erica stated that comments have been submitted on behalf of GCE and RFTA supporting funding in rural areas.

**Upcoming Events**

**Facility Manager Roundtable**

Erica stated that this couldn't happen in the fall because of the bridge closure, but will happen this winter.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Roundtable**

Erica said that organization is in progress. This will also happen during the first quarter 2018.

**End of meeting comments:**

Jason posed the question to the board about how the twice-monthly meetings are going. General support was expressed. Erica reminded the Board that officer elections will occur at the January meeting.

**Adjournment**

*Rick Aluise moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:16p.m., Frank Coberly seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

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 January 12, 2018.