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Town of New Castle | City of Glenwood Springs
Town of Carbondale | Garfield County
Roaring Fork Transportation Authority
Colorado Mountain College

Board Meeting Minutes: Friday, November 9, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

Colorado Mountain College, Rifle, Colorado

Board members attending

RFTA: GCE Vice Chair Jason White
Garfield County: Frank Coberly
Town of Carbondale: Lani Kitching
CMC: Sean Nesbitt
Town of New Castle: Bruce Leland
City of Glenwood Springs: GCE Secretary Rick Voorhees

Others attending

CLEER: Erica Sparhawk, Brandon Jones, Matt Shmigelsky

Board members not present

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

Next meeting: Friday, Dec. 14, 2018, 1:00 p.m. Conference Call.

Call meeting to order:

Jason called the meeting to order at 1:02.

Roll call and approval of agenda:

Rick conducted roll call.

Bruce Leland moved to approve the meeting agenda; Lani Kitching seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

Board Member and Public comment

Jason invited board and public comments. There were none.

Consent Agenda: Approval of Sept. 14, 2018 minutes

Jason asked for comments on the agenda. There were none. Jason asked for a motion to approve of the minutes.

Rick Voorhees moved to approve the minutes for the GCE Board meeting on Sept.14, 2018; Lani Kitching seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

September and October Financials and Accounts Payable

Frank said that Tom has reviewed the September and October financials and gave them his approval.

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

Budget Action Items

2019 Budget Public Hearing

Jason opened the meeting to public hearing for the 2019 budget. There were no comments. Jason closed the public hearing.

Bruce Leland stated that New Castle would be reducing their membership contribution from previous years. He shared that his Board is meeting tight budget constraints along with his Board wanting to give an amount more in alignment with their closest neighbor communities.

The group discussed the budget and the possibility of some communities contributing more. Jason asked about the Xcel funding of \$5,000 that we received in 2018 and whether that could be available again. Erica shared that the CLEER team is starting that discussion with Xcel Energy.

The group discussed whether we could bring on additional governments as partners and whether the utilities could be asked to contribute and become members. Erica shared how event sponsorships are currently provided directly to CLEER, as that was requested by the Board to keep the accounting simpler, but they directly benefit GCE programs and services.

Bruce suggested that GCE presentations to partners focus on upcoming work that might be particularly interesting for the local governments while also sharing any demonstrated savings with the government partner.

Resolution No. 3: Adoption of 2019 Budget

Jason read Resolution No. 3.

Bruce Leland moved to approve Resolution No.3; Rick Voorhees seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 4: Appropriation of Funds for 2019

Jason read Res. No. 4 and invited a motion to approve.

Bruce Leland moved to approve Resolution No. 4; Sean Nesbitt seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

Strategic Planning – Next steps

Lani described the layout of the strategic plan and said that if there are any changes now would be the time to discuss them. Lani walked through each section of the draft plan and the Board discussed the items currently included and suggested changes or edits to the wording for different goals and strategies. Staff will take the draft plan, the suggestions and provide a final draft for the Board to review at the December meeting.

Program DiscussionsEV Charging Station plan and idea for FMLD grant

Matt passed around a map of the charging stations in the county. Matt described the importance of the charging stations and infrastructure in steering the market towards EVs.

Matt stated that we are looking into applying for FMLD grant funding, which would necessitate a collaborative application to get several stations installed in the region. Erica asked if the individual entities are interested in the collective grant application and supporting with space or in-kind space and power and asked for support from Board members to plant the seed in town/city councils and staff. The group agreed this seemed like a good possibility for staff to pursue.

Jason asked if some GCE funding for program services could be applied as a match for an FMLD grant.

Bruce suggested a station between Eagle and Glenwood. Frank suggested the Sheriff's office, Fairgrounds, Courthouse, or airport as potential Garfield County locations. Rick said that a work session with Glenwood Springs Council would be good for figuring out locations in Glenwood.

SolSmart Certification for all jurisdictions in Garfield County, engagement for communities.

Erica described the SolSmart certification as a national program of NREL's (National Renewable Energy Laboratory). We can apply for a bronze, silver, or gold. Carbondale and Garfield County are close to getting silver and the rest of the municipalities are close to getting bronze. Erica described that having Garfield Clean Energy created and mobilized allows us to meet many of the requirements right off the bat. Garfield County would be the first in the country to get the county and all the municipalities certified. Bruce asked if the application is available online and Erica said she will send out some info and action items. Jason asked if RFTA get certified. Erica clarified that it's specific to jurisdictions that issue solar permits.

Rick asked about the timeframe for certification. Erica said that she hopes we can obtain certification within 6 months to a year.

Upcoming Events

Local Power Roundtable – Erica described the upcoming roundtable and workshop.
December 13, Calaway Room, Third Street Center, 1:00 -5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Lani Kitching moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:59p.m, Frank Coberly seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

By: _____
Stuart McArthur, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Rick Voorhees, Secretary

These minutes were reviewed and approved by a vote of the Garfield Clean Energy Board of Directors at its meeting held on December 14, 2018.