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Town of Carbondale | Garfield County  
Roaring Fork Transportation Authority  
Colorado Mountain College

## **Board Meeting Minutes: Friday, July 12, 2019, 1:00 p.m.**

Rifle CMC Campus

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### **Board members attending**

Town of Parachute: GCE Chair Stuart McArthur  
Garfield County: GCE Treasurer Tom Jankovsky, Frank Coberly  
City of Glenwood Springs: Rick Voorhees  
CMC: Sean Nesbitt  
RFTA: David Johnson  
Town of Carbondale: Lani Kitching

### **Others attending**

Library District: Brett Lear  
CMC: Darell Diedrich  
City of Glenwood Springs: Matt Langhorst  
Department of Local Affairs: Chantal Unfug, Kimberly Bullen, Greg Winkler  
Rifle EDC: Katie Mackley  
CLEER: Erica Sparhawk, Katherine Rushton, Alice Laird

### **Board members not present**

City of Rifle: Theresa Hamilton  
Town of Silt: Keith Richel  
Town of New Castle: Bruce Leland

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

Stuart called the meeting to order at 1:05.

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

Rick conducted roll call. Stuart asked everyone to introduce themselves, since this meeting

Stuart invited changes to agenda, there were none.

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

### **Board Member and Public comment**

Stuart invited board and public comments, there were none.

### **Consent Agenda:**

*Lani Kitching moved to approve the consent agenda (which includes minutes and financials); Rick Voorhees seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.*

## **Program Updates**

Erica gave an update on the work staff is doing on multi-family housing and asked the GCE Board members to let CLEER staff know if there are multi-family complexes in their jurisdictions that should be approached.

Stuart shared that Battlement Mesa is remodeling the gray apartments, and that they are mostly low-income households so they would be good contact.

Katharine provided an update to changes in how Xcel Energy provides credits to solar PPA projects and that it might have a financial impact on entities' utility bills. She is working with Town of Silt to address this right and then will be following up with Battlement Mesa and other entities.

Erica provided an update on EV infrastructure installations within the County and handed out the EV charging infrastructure fact sheet.

## **Action Items**

### DOLA Challenge Grant Discussion

Greg Winkler from DOLA provided an overview of the DOLA grant history and current opportunity. Kimberly Bullen and Chantal Unfug chimed in to share priorities and help answer questions. Greg said that the maximum request amount is \$200,000 but if entities feel like they need more they should ask for more.

Katie Mackley asked whether this grant is an opportunity for research and development and entrepreneurial type applications. Greg clarified that private entities would be better suited for OEDIT funding. The DOLA grant fund is for local governments to develop plans to increase efficiency and renewables.

Lani asked for clarification on the defined region and how the impact score is determined. Kimberly stated that the impact score is based on the address of the applying entity, the regional partners won't change that score.

Tom asked if each participant would have to provide their financials. Kimberly clarified that only the applicant has to share the financial, so in our case, only GCE would have to provide that information. Tom said that GCE does not have a reserve. Kimberly stated that would make GCE a very strong applicant.

After further clarifications about the regional corridor work from CLEER staff, DOLA staff left the meeting.

Alice and Katharine gave an overview and walked through all the proposed options to be included in the planning grant application.

Tom stated that the amount of the request should be \$200,000 and clarified that a \$50,000 match would be required for that.

Alice shared that staff is suggesting that that be the amount and additional sources of local match could be the utilities and asked if the Board wants to take it to Pitkin and Eagle to pitch in.

Tom shared that if we can get \$25,000 from GCE then he would request \$25,000 from Garfield County for the matching portion. He clarified that Garfield County could put funding in our 2020 budget in addition to the GCE funding. He stated CLEER staff would need to get on the Garfield County agenda right away.

*Rick Voorhees moved to approve CLEER staff to submit the DOLA planning grant and implementation grant and to approach Eagle and Pitkin Counties to be invited to participate; Lani Kitching seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.*

### **Events and other updates**

Erica reviewed the upcoming events and invited Board members to participate.

Tom shared that he and Lani attended USDA grant meeting and asked that a CLEER staff member attend the USDA presentation. There is assistance available for low-income households, multi-family complexes and other potential projects. Erica said she will follow-up.

### **Adjournment**

*Lani Kitching moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m.; Sean Nesbitt seconded the motion, 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 September 13, 2019