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Roaring Fork Transportation Authority  
Colorado Mountain College

## **Board Meeting Minutes: Friday, March 13, 2020, 1:00 p.m.**

Conference Call

### **Board members attending**

Town of Parachute:	Chair Stuart McArthur
RFTA:	Vice Chair Jason White
Garfield County:	Frank Coberly
Town of New Castle:	Bruce Leland
City of Glenwood Springs:	Rick Voorhees
CMC:	Sean Nesbitt
City of Rifle:	Katie Mackly

### **Others attending**

CLEER: Erica Sparhawk, Alice Laird Stefan Johnson

### **Board members not present**

Town of Silt:	Keith Richel
Town of Carbondale:	Ben Bohmfalk
Garfield County:	Tom Jankovsky

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

Stuart called the meeting to order at 1:11pm

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

Erica conducted roll call.

Stuart invited changes to the agenda, there were none.

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

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

None.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Stuart explained that the financials were pulled off of the consent agenda in case there were questions and discussion about the DOE funds deposited in GCE's bank account.

*Rick Voorhees moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Bruce Leland seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

### **Financials:**

Erica explained that GCE received the funding from the Revolving Loan Fund in February. She reminded the Board that these were funds that the board submitted a repurposing request for in July 2019.

Erica also shared that Eagle County has also committed \$25,000 cash match for the DOLA grant, so that invoice is in the financials as well.

*Rick Voorhees moved to approve the financials and bills paid from January and February; Bruce Leland seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.*

### **Financial Review:**

Erica explained the exemption from audit form and resolution and asked the Board for their approval to move forward with McMahan & Associates.

*Bruce Leland moved to approve a motion to go forward with financial review.; Katie Mackley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.*

*Bruce Leland moved to approve a motion to retain the services of McMahan & Associates to conduct the Financial Review.; Sean Nesbitt seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.*

*Jason White moved to approve Resolution No. 2, Rick Voorhees seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.*

### **Program Updates:**

#### **DOLA Grant Update**

Erica provided a verbal overview of the Solar Master Plan process that is being funded with the DOLA grant. Details were provided in a memo in the packet.

Rick asked if there would be an effort to distill the project so that it is easily understandable for the general public. Erica shared that the master plan will be on a publicly accessible website.

Alice shared an update on the Economic Transition piece of the DOLA project. Alice said there is an interest in creating a working group that would like to be more informed and

involved on the economic transition piece. The group will really start gearing up in April, with the goal of having an in-person meeting with key public officials, stakeholders, and potentially, an economics firm.

Rick expressed interest in joining the working group.

Katie asked if Alice had any idea how this working group would work with the Just Transition Office being created at the state level.

Alice responded to Katie that it remains uncertain and that the communications she has received from the Office has largely been "thanks for your interest, we're still setting it up".

Katie encouraged GCE Board-members to become involved in this effort given how critical this could be for the future of GCE.

### **Electric Vehicle Update**

Stefan Johnson shared updates regarding the upcoming EV Sales Event and other EV activities. The EV Sales Event is scheduled to run March 15<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>. Participating Garfield County dealers include Mountain Chevy, Phil Long Honda, and Audi Glenwood Springs.

Stefan also shared that the Town of Parachute submitted a Charge Ahead application in partnership with Atlasta Solar to get a Level III charger at the rest area along I-70. The next Charge Ahead window will be in May and Stefan is eager to work with GCE partners to find projects and support the application process. Garfield County Education Center is one partner that will be submitting an application.

### **Action Items:**

#### **RFTA Support Letter**

Jason White shared that RFTA is very early in their feasibility study and exploration of integrating 10 hydrogen fuel-cell buses into their fleet. RFTA partnered with the State of Colorado and submitted a concept paper to the Department of Energy at the end of February. They're currently waiting to see if we're asked to submit full proposal in April. Jason estimated the cost to integrate hydrogen fueling infrastructure and other facility upgrades to be between \$40-50 million.

RFTA is seeking a letter of support from GCE regarding this project and grant.

*Rick Voorhees moved to approve the motion for GCE to submit a Letter of Support for RFTA's Hydrogen Feasibility Study, Frank Coberly seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

Stuart had a general question about how the board should deal with requests for Letters of Support, especially those that are time-sensitive given the frequency that the Board meets.

Bruce suggested that an email requesting the Letter of Support should be sent out to the entire board, and if there is no opposition, then the letter should be granted. The rest of the board agreed this was a good policy.

**Re-Purposement of Department of Energy Funds**

Erica shared that CLEER staff have some ideas for the use of these funds, but no formal proposals ready at this time. Erica shared that CLEER staff could come forward with proposals for GCE Board in May or July.

Bruce responded recalling that he thought the funding would go towards balancing our books and trying to avoid deficits.

Erica shared that these funds to have DOE requirements. We'd really like to increase participation for energy efficiency programs in the Western part of the county. One idea is to create a pool of funding to reduce the cost of getting a residential energy assessment.

(Rick Voorhees signed off at 1:54pm)

Stuart said his preference would be for CLEER to share DOE criteria and then go from there.

**Upcoming Events and Workshops**

TBD in light of COVID-19

**Adjournment**

*Bruce Leland moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 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 May 8, 2020.