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Roaring Fork Transportation Authority  
Colorado Mountain College

## **Board Meeting Minutes: Friday, March 12, 2020, 1:00 p.m.**

Conference Call

### **Board members attending**

RFTA: Chair, Jason White  
Town of New Castle: Vice Chair, Bruce Leland  
City of Glenwood Springs: Ingrid Wussow  
Garfield County: Frank Coberly  
CMC: Jarod Kochevar  
Town of Carbondale: Ben Bohmfalk  
Garfield County: Tom Jankovsky

### **Others attending**

CLEER: Erica Sparhawk, Zuleika Pevec, Maisa Metcalf

### **Board members not present**

Town of Silt: Keith Richel  
City of Rifle: TBD  
Town of Parachute: Stuart McArthur

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

Jason called the meeting to order at 1:03pm

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

Bruce conducted roll call.

Jason invited changes to the agenda, there were none.

*Ingrid Wussow moved to approve the meeting agenda; Tom Jankovsky seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.*

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

Jason invited comments from the Board and Public. There were none.

### **Consent Agenda:**

### **Approval of January 22, 2021 minutes**

Bruce requested the title be corrected and changed from Vice Chair to Secretary.

## **January and February Financials**

Tom noted that there is \$228,000 in bank and \$285,000 in accounts receivable and that most members have not put their GCE contributions in the bank, except for Carbondale.

Tom asked about the \$20,000 in the February financials, listed as revenue (contributions from others); Erica said that it is likely the DOLA reimbursement and she would verify that.

*Bruce Leland moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Tom Jankovsky seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.*

### **Action Items:**

#### **Financial Review**

Erica talked about the financial review and said that because our revenues are under a certain amount (\$750,000 including new grants), we can apply to be exempt from the audit. We can instead do a review for about \$5000. Erica will send out the DocuSign for all to sign.

Tom asked about there not being a representative from Rifle to sign it, and Erica said it needs to be signed by everyone at the meeting.

*Tom Jankovsky moved to approve Resolution No.2: Exemption from Audit for Fiscal Year 2020, and Jason White seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.*

### **Program Updates:**

#### **Solarize Program Update and Rebate discussion**

Maisa gave an update on Solarize. After the update, she asked the Board to consider moving some funds from Commercial rebates to Solarize to increase the number of rebates available for Solarize customers.

Tom wanted to clarify where the money would come from and how much of the \$52,000 would be used. Erica described how the rebates were listed in the GCE budget and how they were split between commercial and residential.

Ben asked if someone doesn't get a rebate, what are they getting from the program. Maisa described the benefits of the bulk purchase and price reduction once a certain amount are sold.

Ben expressed his support for shifting funds and asked whether there will still be more people signing up than rebates available. Maisa said yes, there will potentially be more systems sold than rebates available. Ben stated that he'd be willing to consider providing additional rebates if needed and asked staff to come back in May with an update.

Ingrid wanted to know where the systems that have already been sold are and Maisa reviewed the numbers for each community.

Jason commended the staff on a great start to Solarize and said he had heard the radio ad and seen good press. He asked if staff thought we would do this again in future years. Maisa said based on the success, the team is thinking about doing it again in 2022, and is already imagining there would be more focus on solar plus storage.

*Bruce Leland moved to approve the transfer of funds from Commercial Rebates to Solarize Rebates. Tom Jankovsky seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.*

### **Solar + Storage Master Plan update**

Erica gave an update on the Solar + Storage Master Plan

Tom would like to update the BOCC to make sure funds can go through. Erica replied that she would reach out to Vola and get that scheduled.

### **Quick electric vehicle update**

Erica gave a quick update on the EV program, highlighting that the Rifle Ford dealership has a Mustang Mach-E available for test-driving and they had hired a videographer will do a short video on a test-drive of the Mach-E.

### **Affiliate Membership:**

Jason gave some background on the "Affiliate Membership." Goal 4 of the GCE Strategic Plan is finding more funding opportunities. Jason asked Erica to review the bylaws with the group.

Erica said that the by-laws say a non-governmental organization would have to be an affiliate member, non-voting, not a board member, shall contribute funds, can participate in discussions.

Tom thinks it could be a great to get Holy Cross Energy at meetings and mentioned that Alpine Bank used to come to meetings frequently.

Bruce said he thinks Holy Cross Energy would bring additional expertise.

Jason wanted to know if there is general agreement among the Board for him to continue discussions with Holy Cross Energy and shared he wanted to propose they join for \$20,000 membership.

Bruce said that the by-laws state that the funding amount is an agreement between the GCE Board and the entity, so there can be some negotiation.

Ben asked if we would invite all the utilities to the table and Jason responded by saying that is what he is thinking, but he wanted to start with Holy Cross Energy since he'd been brainstorming with them.

The Board agreed that Jason should continue the conversation.

**Adjournment**

*Tom Jankovsky moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:56 p.m.; Bruce Leland seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.*

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jason White, Chairperson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce Leland, Secretary

These minutes were reviewed and approved by a vote of the Garfield Clean Energy Board of Directors at its meeting held on May 14, 2021.