



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

Board Meeting Minutes: Friday, July 14, 1 p.m.
 Morgridge Commons, with some members attending virtually

Minutes taken by Christina Matzl, CLEER

Board members attending

CMC:	Sean Nesbitt, Jarrod Kochevar
Garfield County:	Treasurer, Tom Jankovsky
Town of New Castle:	Secretary, Bruce Leland (virtual)
Town of Parachute:	Travis Elliot
RFTA:	Chair, Jason White
City of Rifle:	Sean Strode (virtual)
Town of Carbondale:	Ben Bohmfalk
City of Glenwood Springs:	Vice Chair, Ingrid Wussow (virtual)

Board members not present

Town of Silt: Keith Richel

Affiliate members present

Holy Cross: Jenna Weatherred

Others attending

CLEER: Morgan Hill (virtual), Christina Matzl, Martín Bonzi, Alice Laird

Call meeting to order:

Jason White called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm

Roll Call:

Bruce conducted the roll call.

Board Member and Public comment:

- Ben Bohmfalk commented on impact of human caused climate change

Consent Agenda:

Approval of May 12th, 2023 minutes

Tom moved to approve the minutes, Ben seconded the motion. All in favor

May and June Financials

Tom moved to approve the May and June financials, Ben seconded the motion

- Tom Jankovsky initiated a discussion about GCE budget status.
- Specific questions related to line items 21000, 21100 (ReEnergize) and 91000 (Partnership Services) were addressed. The finance committee will review.

Action items

CLEER staff and the GCE bookkeeper are working with McMahan and Associates on the 2022 financial review. The audit exemption request was submitted on May 5th, still awaiting approval of the request from the Office of the State Auditor. Staff and McMahan are beginning financial review before the audit request is approved.

The Annual Board retreat is tentatively planned for September 8th, but that date is not good for multiple members. Possible tour sites for the retreat are the Parachute solar array, or Wapiti commons. It was proposed to move the retreat to later in September or October. Morgan will follow up with partners to coordinate the best date. The retreat may be coordinated with strategic planning.

GCE/CLEER was awarded the Energizing Rural Communities Prize for developing sustainable funding for rebates.

Goal #1: Energy Savings

Updates about Commercial Program Strategy (Morgan Hill, Christina Matzl):

- Goal development
 - 10 facility consultations per quarter
 - Marketing and outreach is the primary strategy for expanding the program
 - Consult with businesses on available rebates
 - Take advantage of local events to network with organizations
 - Fall marketing campaign planned to expand the commercial and residential program
 - Update the commercial form on GCE website
 - Data analysis with Partners in Energy
 - Focusing on sectors for outreach i.e.: multifamily, small businesses, retail, hospitality
 - Ask partners to assist in supporting this program within your communities
- Ideas to expand uptake and utilization
- Presentation on Commercial savings and tactics by Christina Matzl and Morgan Hill

Growing Residential energy savings funding (Morgan Hill)

- Update on Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)
 - Working with County to submit pre-award information sheet for grant
 - Hoping for funds to go to the ReEnergize rebates. Garfield Clean Energy membership covers commercial building equipment survey originally proposed by Frank Coberly.

Advanced Energy Management (AEM)

- Reports being shared with up-to-date partners. Monthly reports will be going out to interested partners starting in September.

Energy Code outreach and updates

- Update on codes and success of code official meeting that took place on May 16
- Acknowledgment of the workforce challenges for building inspectors

Goal #3: Clean mobility (Martín Bonzi)

Electrification

- EV Readiness Plan Status
 - Workshop took place on July 13, 2023
 - The workshop had successful discussion, and stakeholder and focus groups were

- developed
- Will address county wide issues, codes
- Second workshop in October to review draft plan
- Implementation will work to access funding for projects
- Main goal is to provide recommendations for charging station locations and expansion, and to do analysis to educate implementation
- Want one focus group to include school districts
 - Ben can help bridge the gap for RE1
- Update on new state program for trading in old gas vehicle. Can be paired with the tax credits, could add up to \$20,000 for a new EV.
- ReCharge Colorado ride-and-drive events
 - Hosted two Garfield County events
 - One with medium and heavy duty vehicles
 - Included statewide stakeholders and fleets
 - June 4th Experience Electric Showcase

Increasing biking, walking, transit mode share

- eBikeThere Grant progress
 - Gave away all 40 EBikes throughout the County. Served every municipality.
 - Partnered with NREL to track usage of the eBikes to report on use, carbon savings, and other transport savings
 - We have already seen deep impacts on people's lives who were awarded a bike
 - Hope to expand the program next year
- Will provide more information regarding clean transportation expo coming in September as updates become available

Goal #5: Economic development, jobs, and economic transitions

- **July 28 Roundtable**
 - Involved in conversations with Senator Perry Will and Carolyn Tucker. We are planning to have a discussion regarding state programs in workforce training and transition for oil and gas communities.
 - 11-1 lunch time roundtable

2024 Budget planning

Introduce draft budget

- Finance committee discussed fee structure and updated budget structure. Proposed to work in a standardized rate increase for partners. Jason challenged GCE members to increase their contribution by 10%.
- Morgan highlighted that this is a preliminary budget and explained the reasoning for line item budget adjustments
- The partner increase suggestions were reviewed

Member funding requests

- Bruce requested that CLEER present a funding request amount at a New Castle town council meeting with an annual report.
- Tom suggested putting more funds back into rebates if the number is actually so high for carryover balance. Potentially \$100,000
- Address Community Partner funding line that is still at \$0 YTD
- The membership fees Memo from May meeting is linked in the packet for reference
- Travis asked for explanation regarding ReEnergize line item

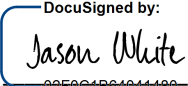
Morgan will reach out to each partner to refine the submission details and process.

Tom requests Morgan figure out the remaining fund balance and distribute it to rebates.

Adjournment

Ben Bohmfalk moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:05. Sean Nesbitt seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Jason White, Chairperson

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Bruce Leland, Secretary