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Board Meeting Minutes: Friday, February 9th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Morgridge Commons, with some members attending virtually

Minutes taken by Christina Matzl, CLEER

Board members attending

CMC:	Sean Nesbitt, Ryan Shepherd (virtual)
RFTA:	Chair, Jason White
City of Rifle:	Sean Strode (virtual)
Town of Parachute:	Travis Elliot (virtual), Chris Jackson (virtual)
Garfield County:	Frank Coberly (virtual)
Town of New Castle:	Secretary, Bruce Leland (virtual)
Town of Carbondale:	Ben Bohmfalk
City of Glenwood Springs:	Vice Chair, Ingrid Wussow

Board members not present

Town of Silt:	Keith Richel

Affiliate members present

Holy Cross:	Jenna Weatherred (virtual)
Garfield County Libraries:	Jon Medrano

Others attending

CLEER:	Alice Laird, Morgan Hill, Christina Matzl

Call meeting to order:
Jason White called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm

Roll Call:
Bruce Leland conducted the roll call.

Board Member and Public Comment:

- Sean Nesbitt introduced Ryan Shepherd, the new CMC board member alternate
- Jason White updated the board about the CEO electrification grant for public buildings that RFTA is applying for. This will be for the Old Western hotel RFTA purchased and is transitioning 42 hotel rooms to studio apartments for employee housing.
- Ingrid Wussow made an update on the GWS climate action plan.
- Ben Bohmfalk announced that the Town of Carbondale may be applying for the CEO grant for public buildings as well for the pool and town hall upgrades.

Regular Business:
Approval of December 8th, 2023 minutes and November and December Financials

- Discussion

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    - Morgan Hill shared that the GCE budget had a net revenue of $2,058.03 in 2023.
    - The board discussed rolling over the $3,827.64 remaining ReEnergize funds into the ReEnergize rebate pool for 2024. Ingrid questioned if it would be possible to make a motion to approve the budget and a motion to move ReEnergize funds. Would this be a supplemental budget resolution or just an approval to move the remaining rebate funds? Discussion continued on the potential for making a motion to always approve up to a set total of rebate funds without needing to ask for a motion or resolution in the future. It was decided that a budget amendment was not needed for this amount.
- Motion to approve
    - *Ingrid Wussow moved to approve the financials and minutes, seconded by Ben Bohmfalk. All in favor. 1:13*
- Motion for Board to automatically roll over remaining rebate funds up to $5,000. The funds will roll over to the following year's budget without the need for a motion.
    - *Motion by Jason White, seconded by Ben Bohmfalk. All in favor 1:15*

Action items

- Election of Officers & Finance Committee for 2024
    - Ingrid moves to reappoint Jason as chair, seconded by Ben. Bruce Leland is willing to continue as secretary.
        - *Ben Bohmfalk moved to keep all officers for 2024, seconded by Sean Nesbitt, all in favor 1:17*
    - Finance committee- Tom Jankovsky, Ingrid Wossow, and Jason White.
        - *Ben Bohmfalk moved to reappoint the current finance committee for 2024, second by Sean Nesbitt. All in favor 1:17*
- Resolution No. 2024-1: Place of Notice for Public Meetings
    - Morgan clarified that this resolution is for where the notice of meetings is located. Locations include the GCE website and in the Town of Carbondale Town Hall as a backup location.
        - *Motion to approve by Bruce Leland, second by Ingrid Wussow, all in favor 1:20*
- Confirm meeting schedule and location for 2024
    - Jason explained that previous meetings were scheduled in odd months, though they are now off-cycle with this Feb meeting. Morgan noted the irregularities from last year and that the traditional schedule could be maintained if desired. It would work well for CLEER staff. Sean Nesbitt noted that the December meeting seems to work well for budget approvals. The incorrect November date listed will be amended, and the retreat could be in May. The March meeting may not be shorter due to upcoming information to share on project updates. Jason may not make the March meeting, but Ingrid says she should be able to lead the meeting as vice-chair.
    - The Board will meet in March, May, July, and September, with budget planning in November, and a short budget approval/adoption meeting in Dec.
    - Morgan brought up locations. Morgridge Commons works well, Sean Nesbitt mentioned Rifle Campus, and Ingrid opened the discussion to western Garfield County members. Chris Jackson mentioned touring the array in Parachute for the Retreat and offered up the Firehouse as a potential meeting space.
        - *Motion to approve the schedule as outlined with the exception of the November date by Sean Nesbitt, seconded by Ingrid Wussow. All in favor 1:25.*

Goal #1: Energy Savings

Advanced Energy Management

- Holiday energy savings and next steps

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    - Christina presented the AEM program achievements regarding the Holiday shutdowns. She highlighted that both billing data and interval data are essential to show savings and identify waste. She showed an image of the new interval data system and explained different details that can be used to understand a building's use, including viewing the weather. Christina also showcased the top 5 performing buildings over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. This included the Parachute Town Hall, Red Mountain Water treatment plants, Garfield County Courthouse, Sheriff's Office, and the Health and Human Services Annex. The buildings saved a cumulative 13% over the holidays when compared to 2022.
    - Ben and Jason expressed an interest in being able to see the savings quantified as well as having some kind of explanation that will normalize the savings when accounting for the weather.

Energy code outreach and updates

- CEO Energy Code grant and trainings updates
    - Morgan shared that CLEER is working with GWS, TOC, and Carbondale on their IECC 2021 updates, as well as with New Castle, who adopted the 2021 IECC- electric ready code. There is a training coming up on Mar 20, looking at multi-family buildings. It will possibly be in Carbondale. There will also be a series of online trainings in the spring as well.

Residential and Commercial energy savings

- Garfield County energy data update
    - Morgan and Christina shared a presentation from Xcel Energy Partners in Energy explaining the final numbers for 2022 energy use data for residential and commercial sectors as well as an update on the total EVs in Garfield County.
    - The presentation prodded discussion regarding total heating and cooling degree days and the effect they have on our goal numbers.
    - Chris brought up the concern for fires with EV batteries. He shared that the Parachute Fire Department purchased special blankets for dealing with these fires because it takes too much water to put them out. He wanted to see what we could do about helping other fire departments to get these expensive fire blankets as well.
- Commercial rebate program
    - Team is working on how to structure the commercial rebate program and how to measure energy savings
- EECBG
    - Morgan is working with Garfield County on their application, with the deadline in April. GCE is hoping to use funds for the 2024 ReEnergize rebate funds.
- Creating enduring, dedicated energy efficiency funding sources
    - Alice reported on research CLEER is doing to create additional sustainable funding for all residents in Garfield County to make energy efficiency improvements. CLEER has applied to be an intervener with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) regarding Xcel Energy rebates/energy efficiency programs to advocate on behalf of Western Slope and rural communities. Making the case that rural communities need a special approach.
    - CLEER staff is meeting with SkiCo about a climate ride and ski fee potential. It is a very preliminary/conceptual discussion. The idea is that it would be a regional clean energy fund. We have no huge expectations that it will happen or how wide-ranging, but we are starting the discussion. We are also pursuing the potential for a climate tax and talking with Denver Metro about their program.

<u>Goals #1,4, and 5</u>

Geothermal

- Carbondale Geothermal District presentation

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- Jon Fox-Rubin presenting on the Geothermal heating district in Carbondale. It is built on the net-zero district plan developed 8 years ago.
- There was high interest in the longevity of the project by Board members.

Program updates

- 2023 Annual report
  - Morgan ran through the report highlights for all programs for 2023. Highlighted program savings results and outreach tracking results. Jason noted the dollar savings achieved through residential programs was a great quantifiable result, Ben commented on wanting some data that accounts for the weather.
- 2024 Budget accepted by DOLA
  - Formally approved by the state
- Community access to E-bikes grant
  - CLEER received confirmation that we will be awarded the grant. Funding request was increased and the total number of bikes distributed went to 50 from 40. Bikes will be distributed to residents under 80% AMI. Commuter targeting is appreciated by Ben. Ingrid mentioned the potential for targeting teachers should be considered as well.
- EV readiness plan update
  - The Board will receive updates in future meetings.

Adjournment

Ingrid Wussow motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:57. Chris Jackson seconded the motion [2:57]

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Jason White, Chairperson

ATTEST: DocuSigned by: Bruce Leland 0D8FB5768F7443D... _____
Bruce Leland, Secretary