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Board Meeting Minutes: Friday, July 12th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Morgridge Commons in Glenwood Springs, with some members attending virtually

Minutes taken by Hiromi Kondo, CLEER

Board members attending

City of Glenwood Springs:	Vice Chair, Ingrid Wussow
City of Rifle:	Sean Strode
CMC:	Sean Nesbitt
Garfield County:	Treasurer, Tom Jankovsky
RFTA:	Chair, Jason White
Town of Carbondale:	Jessica Robison

Board members not present

Town of New Castle:	Secretary, Bruce Leland
Town of Parachute:	Chris Jackson
Town of Silt:	Keith Richel

Affiliate members present

Garfield County Libraries:	Jamie LaRue
Holy Cross Energy:	Jenna Weatherred

Others attending

CLEER:	Morgan Hill, Mary Harlan, Hiromi Kondo
CMC:	Jim Jones, Yesenia Silva Estrada

Call meeting to order:
Ingrid Wussow called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Roll Call:
Tom Jankovsky conducted the roll call. 1:03
Jason White arrived in person and Ingrid Wussow handed the meeting over to him as the Chair. 1:10
Yesenia Silva Estrada left the meeting. 2:21
Mary Harlan left the meeting. 2:32

Board Member and Public Comment:
- Jenna Weatherred - HCE has 2 new projects online that led their energy portfolio to hit 80% renewable in May.
    - HCE is checking in with the different groups, counties, and communities to provide updates. Please reach out if you have not heard from them and would like to receive an update.

Regular Business
Approval of May 10th meeting minutes and April and May 2024 financials
- Motion to approve minutes
    - *Ingrid Wussow moved to approve the February minutes, seconded by Tom Jankovsky. All in favor. 1:05*
- April and May financials discussion

    - Tom Jankovsky commented that the financials look fine with $450,000 in the bank to carry us through December.
- Motion to approve financials
    - *Tom Jankovsky moved to approve the January financials, seconded by Sean Strode. All in favor. 1:06*

Action Items

Financial review update (Morgan Hill)

- The GCE audit exemption was approved.
- CLEER staff plan to work with McMahan & Associates and to have the financial review for the September meeting.

Goal #1: Energy Savings

C-SITE grant update (Morgan Hill)

- The focus of the grant application is to expand rebate funding available to the ReEnergize program, including making some funding available to non-income-qualified residents.
- The grant application was submitted for $1.9 million over 3 yrs, and this amount was limited by the estimated available match from GCE and GWS in 2025. This also includes replicability and a focus on economic and workforce development.
- Sean Strode asked if it will be possible to scale workload within the existing structure.
    - Morgan Hill - NWCCOG would be hiring several additional staff to tackle this workload.

Public Building Electrification grant opportunity (Morgan Hill)

- We can help with adding on electrification projects, but please let us know soon.
- Sean Strode about types of electrification projects.
    - Carbondale focused on heat pumps in their application.
    - The timing didn't work out for RFTA to apply, but it would have been applicable to heat pumps, pipe wraps, above 40 R insulation, and utility rebates.
    - HCE has a whole team to support what may be available from them.
    - Sean Nesbitt stated that the energy savings exist but operation costs are really high in contrast to natural gas boilers. It would be great to have more conversation and education on how to make it possible and learn more about the options.

Energy Code Adoption and Enforcement grant update (Morgan Hill)

- The 6 trainings have been completed and were successful with lots of industry participants in addition to building code officials, and participants came from beyond Garfield County.
- CLEER staff and contractors are still working with Carbondale to adopt their codes, which is set to occur before the end of the year.

Regional Net Zero Roadmap (Morgan Hill)

- We are not expecting or requiring members to adopt these codes and we are working on a good definition that fits across the participants.
- Sean Strode asked what is covered in the definition?
    - The definition is specific to buildings, both residential and commercial and it is beyond what is required under the current IECC.

Advanced Energy Management program (Morgan Hill)

- All participants have switched over from navigator.
- Christina Matzl reached out to all facilities to coordinate the July 4th shutdown event.
- RFSD and Alpine Bank are new clients to the program (separate from GCE).

Goal #3: Clean Mobility

Garfield County EV Readiness and Action Plan (Mary Harlan)

- The plan started back in February of 2023 to help reach local, regional, and state targets in conjunction with the targets listed in the Energy Action Plan. It looks at the challenges and

opportunities that exist for transitioning to EVs and identifying strategies to address them.
- The plan also looks at future funding opportunities, job creation, and economic development to cover infrastructure and maintenance of EVs.
- The vision for Garfield County is to provide equitable access to EVs and EV infrastructure that is convenient for, reliable for, and affordable to all community members.
- Board members asked about the difference between and focus on level 2 and 3 charging. Both types of charging are considered in the plan.
- Jason White and Ingrid Wussow asked about group buying events for fleets coming up.
- *Ingrid Wussow moves to approve the EV Readiness and Action Plan, seconded by Sean Strode. All in favor. 1:53*

BikeThere recap (Mary Harlan)
- GCE and GCLPD partnered across 6 locations on June 26th from 3pm - 6pm.
    - Effort to make it inclusive for those who can't bike to work.
    - Each site had between 23-80 participants.
- Part of GCE's effort to boost bike culture for ev and pedal bikes.

eBikeThere update (Mary Harlan)
- 49 of the 50 bikes have been assigned to income qualified Garfield County residents.
    - The last eBike was used in BikeThere to promote participation.
    - The cost to the recipient is $150.
- This year staff focused on outreach to community partners to recruit applicants

CMC workforce training opportunity (Yesenia Silva Estrada and Jim Jones)
- CMC offers a auto mechanics program primarily in the school districts and would like to expand the program to include EV mechanics with a goal of summer 2026 to kickoff. They are applying for the National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education (ATE) grant application coming up this fall and are looking for a letter of commitment from GCE.
- Other optional support requests include:
    - Providing data on the labor market demands.
    - Connecting CMC with any grants or sponsors to cover equipment costs.
    - Placing CMC students in jobs after they complete the programs.
- RFTA and HCE could offer placement support.
- Sean Strode & Tom J asked what we would be committing to for the LOC. CMC needs key partners that are committed to working together on the creation of curriculum and willing to share knowledge and resources.
- *The board reached a consensus to agree on a letter of support rather than a letter of commitment and authorized the chair to sign. 2:16*

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) grant opportunity (Mary Harlan)
- The CFI grant is a regional grant in partnership with NWCCOG to increase charging infrastructure in communities and along travel corridors.
- NWCCOG has a grant writer, Sustainable Strategies DC, and they are looking for $25,000 to cover the cost. They are looking for $5,000 from GCE or Garfield County entities to support this, and they need to know soon.
- Board members discussed the maintenance costs, charger lifespan, and software issues. They also asked about differences between level 2 and level 3 chargers. Mary stated that charging could be provided as a service to avoid maintenance costs for municipalities.
    - Mary stated that chargers typically last around 7 years, though it depends on other factors. Public facing chargers get much more beaten up.
- CLEER staff discussed that other counties are already onboard, and are looking for approval to utilize GCE funds, as well as additional membership funding support, for the grant writer.
    - Both HCE and the Town of Carbondale voiced support for contributing funds.
- *Tom Jankovsky moved to approve $5000 from the GCE budget line items as found or directed by staff in support of a grant writer for the CFI grant application, seconded by Sean Strode. All in favor. 2:42*

Goal #5: Economic Development and Jobs

August 22nd ECS Forum (Morgan Hill)

- CLEER is organizing an event called Energizing Climate Solutions Forum to connect rural and resort communities with state level policies to grow sustainable funding for programs. GCE Board members are encouraged to attend.

Board Strategic Planning

May retreat summary

- This was not covered due to time constraints.
- Jason pushed review to September if any follow up discussion should occur.

2025 Draft Budget

Budget overview

- The budget proposal includes 2023 and 2024 budgets as well as 5% and 10% increases from 2024 amounts and a proposed amount that falls between those percentages and is rounded to the nearest $100.
- Morgan Hill will be reaching out in regard to contribution request processes.

Contributions

- Garfield County will be even at $350,000 due to property taxes.
- Rifle will increase 5% to $12,100
- RFTA will contribute the proposed amount of $47,300.
- Carbondale will increase 5% to $42,000.
- The GCPLD will contribute the 5% amount of $11,025 and would like a presentation.
- HCE will contribute the proposed amount of $12,500.
- CMC will contribute at least $40,000.
- Morgan Hill to follow up with the other entities not present on their funding requests.

Grants line item in draft budget

- The grants line in the draft budget is blank, but there are a lot in motion. Staff anticipate hearing of intent to award grants in the coming months.
- C-SITE grant: Board members discussed the budget and payment structure of the grant. NWCCOG is the main applicant and will likely distribute funding.
- EECBG funding: The deadline has been pushed back to October and CLEER staff are working with our DOE contact to make sure the application is complete.
- Tom Jankovsky noted the potential for drastic changes to the budget as details regarding grants become clearer.

Adjournment

Sean moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:59. Tom Jankovsky seconded the motion. 2:59

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By: _____

Jason White White, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Bruce Leland, Secretary