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Garfield County | Garfield County Public Library District | Roaring Fork Transportation Authority
Colorado Department of Local Affairs | Governor's Energy Office

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1:02 to 2:50 p.m.

Garfield County Administration Building, 108 8th St., Glenwood Springs

Board members present:

Garfield County: Lisa Dawson, substitute

Parachute: Judi Hayward

Rifle: Keith Lambert

Silt: Bobby Hays

Glenwood Springs: Shelley Kaup; David Sturges, alternate

Carbondale: Michael Hassig

RFTA: Ed Cortez; Tari Williams, alternate

Board members not present:

New Castle

Garfield Library District

Others attending:

Garfield County: Jim Rada, environmental health manager; Bob Prendergast, senior financial analyst; Matt Anderson, senior contracts administrator

Silt: Betsy Suerth, town administrator

Rifle: Mike Braaten, government affairs and energy coordinator

Xcel Energy: Susannah Pedigo, community energy efficiency manager

CLEER: Alice Laird, Heather McGregor

GNECI Sustainability team: Jeff Dickinson, Dan Richardson, Lauren Martindale, Mike Ogburn, Charley Haupt, Bryan Wiman

Media: Jeremy Heiman, Sopris Sun

Next meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, 1-3 p.m.,

Garfield County Human Services Building, 195 W. 14th St., Rifle

Approval of minutes from July 8, 2009, meeting: Moved by Keith Lambert, seconded by Judi Hayward, no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Public comments: none

Board member comments: none

Presentations

Susannah Pedigo, community energy efficiency manager, Xcel Energy

- The community energy efficiency manager is a new position for Xcel Energy.
- Her role is to grow awareness of Xcel Energy's conservation programs to community stakeholders, such as Garfield NECI, and build participation in these programs.
- She is working closely with the Governor's Energy Office on the federal Energy Efficiency Community Block Grants to leverage that money further by integrating it with Xcel's programs.

Charley Haupt and Brian Wyman, NET, New Energy Technology

- NET is working with CLEER on a pilot program for advanced energy management in Carbondale, involving the Town of Carbondale, Roaring Fork School District and Alpine Bank.
- NET is working pro bono to build the historical energy database necessary for the project and launch the pilot.
- Mission is to provide building decision-makers with energy data so they can manage energy use and cut energy waste. Organizations that have used this approach have seen over 40% energy savings.
- Initial energy savings achieved at public schools in Carbondale are impressive: \$9,000 reduction on electricity bill for part of June, all of July at Crystal River Elementary School and Roaring Fork High School. Building managers and custodians are directly involved and responsible for savings.
- Xcel Energy installed interval meters that automatically relay readings every 15 minutes; building managers see the day's data the following day by logging in to the Carbondale Energy Center website.
- It might be possible to have a system like this available to all Garfield NECI partners.
- The City of Glenwood Springs would be ideally suited as the next place to employ this approach.

Action items

Joint approach to performance contracting

- Jeff Dickinson of the CLEER professional team presented the draft Request for Proposals for a joint solicitation for energy efficiency performance contracting. The RFP will be offered to the 13 energy service companies pre-selected by the Governor's Energy Office. Dickinson also presented the timeline for the RFP process. He presented a request from the Performance Contracting Work Group, which will review all the proposals and interview finalists, for authorization to recommend a single energy service company. The Work Group's recommendation will be made at the Nov. 11 Advisory Board meeting.

- Approval of Performance Contracting Request for Proposal, RFP timeline, and authority for Work Group to recommend a single energy service company: Moved by Keith Lambert, seconded by Ed Cortez, motion passes unanimously.

Fleet efficiency project

- Mike Ogburn of the CLEER professional team explained the project to reduce energy consumption of G-NECI partners' vehicle fleets. A preliminary survey just of Garfield County, Glenwood Springs and Carbondale shows \$1.5 million per year spent on gasoline and diesel fuel.
- Ogburn would like to contact all partner governments to gather more complete information about fleet fuel consumption and fuel spending. He circulated a sign-up sheet so he can contact the proper staff person for each partner government.
- Fleets to be studied include public works, police, fire, parks and recreation vehicles.
- He will offer a menu of technology improvements and fleet management ideas for partners to employ.

RFTA letter of support

- RFTA is seeking a letter of support for its application for \$54 million in federal funding under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant program for its bus rapid transit project, VelociRFTA.
- Approval of letter of support from Garfield NECI Advisory Board: Moved by Keith Lambert, seconded by Shelley Kaup, motion passes unanimously.

Program updates

Garfield County

- Jim Rada reported that Garfield County's application for the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant has been approved by the U.S. Department of Energy and will now go to the Garfield Board of County Commissioners for a signature. The grant is a pre-allocated amount of \$227,500, and will be used to build on the residential and commercial energy efficiency programs started under the Initiative.
- Jim also asked for an update presentation on the G-NECI program be made to the county commissioners.

City of Rifle

- Mike Braaten reported that the LED street lights have been installed on Third Street in downtown Rifle. The city used \$30,000 from the DOLA grant and received \$6,000 in additional funding from the Rifle Downtown Development Authority to upgrade 23 lights along four blocks. City crews installed the fixtures, and also rewired the light poles.
- The new street lights emit a bright, white light, but are shielded by downcast reflectors to avoid glare. They have received universally positive comments.
- The new lights are on two electric meters, with no other lights on those meters, so the energy savings will be easier to track.

Commercial Audit & Retrofit Demonstration project, lighting campaign, website, Insulate Colorado, Energy Star New Homes, clean energy transportation, and community events

- Heather McGregor provided updates and showed promotional materials being used.

Clean energy financing update

- Alice Laird reported that the Governor's Energy Office and state legislators are working on legislation for the 2010 session that would possibly amend 1350 legislation and create additional statewide clean energy finance options.
- Michael Hassig noted that clean energy finance district elections will be held in Pitkin, Eagle and Gunnison counties this November.

Renewable energy installations

- Lauren Martindale and technical team members will be visiting the participating local government partners to discuss possible sites for installation of solar photovoltaic or solar hot water projects on public buildings.
- The visibility of these projects, stories they tell and methods they demonstrate will be just as important as the clean energy they produce.
- Dan Richardson reported that New Castle is proceeding with its project independently. An RFP has been issued for a system of about 70 kW on the town's new public works building.
- Shelly Kaup asked CLEER to contact Jeff Hecksel to confirm whether Glenwood Springs needs any assistance from the technical team.

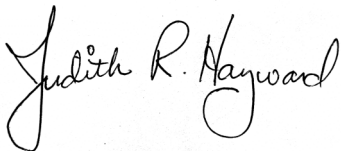
Long-term planning

- Alice Laird distributed a memo on developing a long-term organization to continue the work of the Garfield NECI. The process will include a research phase, an input and outreach phase, and a business plan phase. The hope is to have the business plan in place by early summer 2010 to be ahead of the budget planning periods for 2011.
- Jim Rada noted that the Garfield NECI partners need to renew their intergovernmental agreements with Garfield County prior to the end of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

These minutes were reviewed and approved by a vote of the Garfield New Energy Communities Initiative Advisory Board on Oct. 14, 2009.

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judith R. Hayward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Judith R. Hayward, Advisory Board Secretary