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Colorado Department of Local Affairs | Governor's Energy Office

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1:08 to 3:15 p.m.

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

Board members present:

Garfield County: Ed Green

Garfield Library District: Amelia Shelley

Parachute: Judi Hayward

Rifle: Keith Lambert; Jay Miller alternate

Silt: Bobby Hays

New Castle: Greg Russi

Glenwood Springs: Shelley Kaup; David Sturges, alternate

Carbondale: Michael Hassig

RFTA: Ed Cortez; Tari Williams, alternate

Board members not present: none

Others attending:

Department of Local Affairs: Jack Kirtland, Western Slope representative

Governor's Energy Office: Joani Matranga, Western Slope representative

Garfield County: Jim Rada, environmental health manager; Tamra Allen, senior planner

Silt: Betsy Suerth, town administrator

Rifle: Mike Braaten, government affairs and energy coordinator

Carbondale: Tom Baker, town manager

Xcel Energy: Tom Minerick, key accounts manager

CLEER: Alice Laird, Heather McGregor

CLEER professional team: Jeff Dickinson

Sonoran Institute: Clark Anderson

Colorado Conservation Voters: Monica Piergrossi

Public: F.M. Ronin

Next meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, 1-3 p.m.,

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

Approval of minutes from Sept. 9, 2009, meeting: Moved by Shelley Kaup, seconded by Keith Lambert, no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Public comments: none

Board member comments:

Ed Green shared a handout from a recent presentation by EnCana to the BOCC on an effort to convert government vehicle fleets to use compressed natural gas. The board expressed interest in hearing a presentation at a future meeting.

Michael Hassig attended the Peak Oil conference in Denver. Natural gas was a big topic of discussion. For use in vehicles, the focus is on fleets, such as private long-haul trucks.

Presentations

Joani Matranga, Governor's Energy Office

Joani updated the board on federal stimulus money coming to Colorado for weatherization, energy efficiency and renewable energy. GEO will be hosting a High Performance Buildings workshop in Grand Junction on Oct. 29. (*Note: this event was postponed to Nov. 16 because of storms.*) She also updated the board on clean energy financing measures, including Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds issued by the federal government, and the property-assessed 1A ballot questions in Pitkin, Eagle and Gunnison counties.

Action item

Alice Laird: Pilot clean energy financing for Garfield County

Garfield County could look toward a ballot question in 2010, but a pilot program could be launched sooner using county reserves. The county commissioners would need to form a local improvement district. Keith Lambert made a motion to send a recommendation to the BOCC calling on them to form a local improvement district to at least have the organizational structure in place, with details about the funding source to be worked out later. Ed Cortez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Alice wants to reconvene the financing work group to plan the presentation to the commissioners.

Program updates

Jeff Dickinson: Performance contracting

The performance contracting selection team will meet on Oct. 27 to develop a short list of ESCOs, and then conduct interviews with short list companies on Nov. 3. The recommendation of a preferred vendor should be ready for the Nov. 11 board meeting. All partners need to designate their representative prior to these meetings.

CLEER staff and professional team members also provided updates on online energy management, energy saving designs for new facilities, lighting campaign, the commercial audit and retrofit demonstration project, code reviews, the 1 Megawatt campaign and the new website.

Jim Rada reported that Carolyn Dahlgren is working on boilerplate IGA renewal language for all the G-NECI partners to sign before year's end.

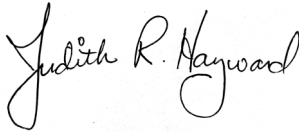
Betsy Suerth reported that the Silt Board of Trustees endorsed the plan to install three 10 kW solar PV systems on Town Hall, senior housing and the wastewater treatment plant. The RFP is issued and bids are due Nov. 6.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

A planned tour of the City of Rifle solar array was canceled because of rainy weather.

These minutes were reviewed and approved by a vote of the Garfield New Energy Communities Initiative Advisory Board on Nov. 11, 2009.

Signed by:

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Judith R. Hayward, Advisory Board Secretary