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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**

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 1:04 to 2:59 p.m.

Garfield County Administration Building, 108 8<sup>th</sup> St., Glenwood Springs

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### **Board members present:**

Garfield County: Ed Green

Garfield Library District: Janine Rose

Rifle: Keith Lambert

Silt: Meredith Robinson; Bobby Hays, alternate

New Castle: Greg Russi

Glenwood Springs: David Sturges

Carbondale: Michael Hassig

RFTA: Ed Cortez; Tari Williams, alternate

### **Board members not present:**

Parachute

### **Others attending:**

Department of Local Affairs: Jack Kirtland, Western Slope representative

Garfield County: Trésí Houpt, county commissioner; Jim Rada, environmental health manager;

Lisa Dawson, finance director; Bob Prendergast, senior financial analyst;

Rifle: Mike Braaten, government affairs and energy coordinator

Glenwood Springs: Jeff Hecksel, city manager

CLEER: Alice Laird, Heather McGregor

CLEER professional team: Jeff Dickinson, Mike Ogburn, Dan Richardson, George Wear

Media: Dennis Webb, *The Daily Sentinel*

### **Next meeting**

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, 1-3 p.m.,

Garfield County Health & Human Services Building, 195 W. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Rifle

**Approval of minutes** from Oct. 14, 2009, meeting: Moved by Ed Cortez, seconded by Keith Lambert, no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

**Public comments:** none

**Board member comments:**

**Meredith Robinson** expressed concern about clean energy financing obligations passing on to home buyers in two forms, as the continuing tax obligation and as a higher home price. She was concerned that buyers should be notified of this tax obligation. Other board members noted that all tax obligations must be disclosed, that it's a positive sign that homes with efficiency upgrades can command a higher price, and that the buyers could bargain with sellers for a discount to offset the remainder of the tax obligation.

**Keith Lambert** reported that the LED streetlight installation in downtown Rifle is resulting in a 67 percent savings in energy consumption.

### **Action items**

#### **Performance Contracting selection of energy services company**

**Jeff Dickinson** reported that the Performance Contracting selection team has recommended Ennovate Corp. of Arvada. The Garfield BOCC approved the selection of Ennovate on Nov. 16. The next step is for a committee to negotiate a contract with Ennovate, using a contract template provided by the Governor's Energy Office. Ed Green requested getting Ennovate's "audited rates" from past contracts with federal agencies. By consent, the board asked David Sturges to serve as its representative on the contract negotiation committee.

#### **Clean Energy Finance District**

**Keith Lambert** reported that he and Michael Hassig appeared before the Garfield BOCC on Nov. 16 requesting the commissioners move forward with a resolution to for the Local Improvement District. The commissioners directed staff attorney Carolyn Dahlgren to draft a resolution and bring it back for their consideration at a meeting in December.

#### **Governor's Energy Office 2010 rebate programs**

**Heather McGregor** presented an overview of GEO's plans for statewide rebate programs and rebate management, which include a partnership model for local governments and utilities. Advisory Board members expressed interest in the partnership model, particularly Garfield County, City of Glenwood Springs and City of Rifle. CLEER staff will work with NECI partner staff to develop a proposal to send to GEO.

#### **Long-term planning**

The Advisory Board agreed to meet for a one-day retreat to consider options for the future of the Garfield NECI and clean energy programs in the county. The retreat is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15, at the Garfield County Human Services Building in Rifle.

## **Project updates and reports**

### **Renewable energy demonstration projects**

**Greg Russi** reported that New Castle's 70 kW project will be operational by Dec. 31.

**Meredith Robinson** reported that Silt has received seven bids for its projects and the board of trustees will make a selection on Nov. 25.

**Jeff Hecksel** reported that Glenwood Springs is pursuing a solar thermal project for the Community Center.

### **DOE Retrofit Ramp-Up Competitive Block Grant**

**Alice Laird** briefed the board on the DOE grant offering for widespread energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial areas, and sought guidance on whether the Garfield NECI should pursue this opportunity. The board agreed that it would be worth trying for the grant, and authorized spending up to \$20,000 of the DOLA grant to pay for assistance needed to put the application together.

### **IGA renewals**

The Garfield BOCC approved the standard Inter-Government Agreement renewal on Nov. 16, and Garfield County would like the other 8 partners to ratify and return their IGAs by Dec. 21.

### **Program updates**

**Written updates** on other Garfield NECI projects were provided in the meeting packet.

**Ed Green** requested a time on an upcoming meeting agenda for EnCana to make a presentation on using natural gas as a fuel for government fleets.

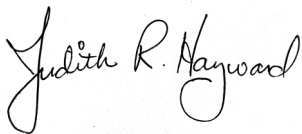
### **Budget and financial report**

**Bob Prendergast** provided a monthly report on the project spending and revenues as of Oct. 31. He requested getting information on Garfield NECI partner in-kind spending by mid-December. In-kind spending was pledged by the City of Rifle, Town of New Castle, City of Glenwood Springs and Garfield County.

### **The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.**

These minutes were reviewed and approved by a vote of the Garfield New Energy Communities Initiative Advisory Board on Jan. 15, 2010.

Signed by:



Judith R. Hayward, Advisory Board Secretary