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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 1:14 to 2:45 p.m.

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

Board members present:

Garfield County: Ed Green

Garfield Library District: Amelia Shelley

Parachute: Judi Hayward

Rifle: Keith Lambert

Silt: Bobby Hays

New Castle: Greg Russi

Glenwood Springs: Shelley Kaup, David Sturges

Carbondale: Michael Hassig

RFTA: Jason White

Others attending:

Garfield County: Jim Rada, environmental health manager; Bob Prendergast, senior financial analyst; Lisa Dawson, finance manager

Rifle: Mike Braaten, government affairs and energy coordinator

CLEER: Alice Laird, Heather McGregor

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

Public: Dave Argo, George Wear

Next meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 2010, 1-3 p.m.,

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

Approval of minutes from Feb. 10, 2010, meeting: Moved by Keith Lambert, seconded by Amelia Shelley, no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Public comments: none

Board member comments:

Board members expressed their appreciation and admiration for the leadership over the past year of Garfield NECI Advisory Board Chair Michael Hassig, and gave Mayor Hassig a round of applause.

Judi Hayward commended Jeff Dickinson for his assistance with the interviews conducted by the Town of Parachute for its solar PV bids.

Election of officers

Michael Hassig nominated Shelley Kaup to serve as the next Advisory Board chair. Amelia Shelley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Michael Hassig nominated Greg Russi to serve as the next Advisory Board vice chair and Judi Hayward to continue in her position as board secretary. Keith Lambert seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Hassig passed the gavel to Chairwoman Kaup.

Presentation

The presentation by representatives of Ennovate Corp., the energy services company selected for performance contracting for the Garfield NECI partners, was cancelled because of the closure of Interstate 70 in Glenwood Canyon. The Ennovate team will meet with the Advisory Board at a later date.

Action items

Garfield Energy Inventory

Mike Ogburn of the CLEER professional team presented a plan to conduct an energy inventory of Garfield County and its communities. (March 10 memo is part of the advance packet for this meeting.) The inventory work will be done over the next two months by Ogburn and SGM, the engineering firm that is also part of the CLEER professional team. Ogburn explained the project methodology, noting that the inventory will not attempt to quantify energy consumption by the natural gas industry.

Judi Hayward moved to approve the project methodology as set out in the March 10 memo; Greg Russi seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

City of Rifle funding transfer request

Mike Braaten of the City of Rifle presented a plan to shift \$75,000 in funding, presently allocated for the purchase of a PowerPod dwelling, to clean vehicle purchases. (Rifle's March 5 memo is part of the advance packet for this meeting.) Rifle proposes using the funds for conversion of three vehicles to bi-fuel CNG, at a cost of \$30,000, and purchase three electric vehicles for in-town use, at a cost of \$45,000. Any additional costs would be Rifle's responsibility, Braaten said.

Michael Hassig moved to approve the shift in funding; Keith Lambert enthusiastically seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Project updates and reports

Greening Government

Alice Laird presented a preliminary chart showing the progress being made by all nine G-NECI partners and the Roaring Fork School District on various greening government projects, including energy tracking database and training, performance contracting and renewable energy demonstration projects.

The chart also listed preliminary figures on energy spending by the partners. These numbers will be refined as the energy inventory is completed. Already, however, the early figures show a total of \$4.5 million in annual spending, so a 10 percent cut in energy consumption could yield a half-million dollars in savings.

Clean energy finance district

Alice Laird invited all Garfield NECI Advisory Board members to attend a regional workshop hosted by the Governor's Energy Office on financing. The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, in Eagle. She noted that many county officials have been invited, including County Attorney Carolyn Dahlgren, County Treasurer Georgia Chamberlain and County Assessor John Gorman. Others expressing interest in attending were Lisa Dawson, Bob Prendergast, Jim Rada, Shelley Kaup, Greg Russi and Mike Braaten.

Senior housing inventory

An inventory of energy efficiency opportunities at senior housing facilities throughout Garfield County was conducted by iCAST and CLEER. The facility with the largest opportunity for energy savings is Sunnyside in Glenwood Springs. CLEER is also working with Energy Outreach Colorado, which is planning efficiency upgrades at other senior facilities.

Longer-term structure

The Long-Term Committee met immediately ahead of the Advisory Board meeting. The group felt it needs to meet more frequently than once per month. Its tasks will be to line out the services of a future effort, develop a plan for a sustainable organization and determine how it will interact with other entities such as utilities and local governments. The committee will meet again on March 23.

Countywide audit and retrofit program

Alice Laird said she would like to set a launch date and roll the program out around Earth Day. Board members suggested a variety of ideas to bring the effort into the public view, such as a home energy makeover.

Budget and financial report

Bob Prendergast provided an updated monthly report on the project spending and revenues as of Feb. 28. The project has spent \$877,000 to date, and the 2009 GEO grants are wrapped up. He noted that CLEER and Garfield County have simplified the budget for the remainder of the project, keeping the basic six program areas but reducing the number of line items within each program area.

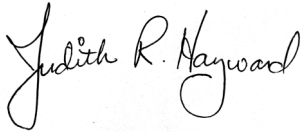
Dates to save

The City of Rifle is planning two grand opening events: May 8 for the wastewater treatment plant and the two SunEdison solar arrays, and May 10 for the parks maintenance facility and the three Garfield NECI solar arrays.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

These minutes were reviewed and approved by a vote of the Garfield New Energy Communities Initiative Advisory Board on April 14, 2010.

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith R. Hayward". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Judith R. Hayward, Advisory Board Secretary