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Long-Term Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 10, 2010, Noon to 1 p.m.

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

Attending:

Tom Baker, Mike Braaten, Lisa Dawson, Ed Green, Jeff Hecksel, Shelley Kaup, Jim Rada, Greg Russi, David Sturges, Alice Laird, Heather McGregor

Selection of chair: The group nominated Shelley Kaup to serve as chair and David Sturges to serve as co-chair.

Discussion: The group wanted to discuss services and goals of the longer-term effort before developing a purpose statement. What will this effort look like in the future? We are talking about a centralized entity, with technical assistance available to households and businesses.

One deliverable in the DOLA grant is to develop a lasting sustainability program. Having a program like this will be “the new normal.” The Garfield Clean Energy efforts needs to go on, but may not necessarily be housed within Garfield County. Working to create a sustainable funding mechanism is the main purpose of this committee.

An intergovernmental agreement could cover the core administrative expenses and allow the effort to pursue grants. A comparable intergovernmental effort is the Garfield senior program. Jeff cited a regional emergency communications model developed in Oregon.

Is a special district or authority model viable? The closest thing is the regional transportation authority model.

The IGA model is a framework to start from. We should shoot for high goals and see what can be funded. The purpose, services and funding will evolve together.

Is the goal of this organization to actually generate the clean energy, or to be a catalyst?

Purpose statement: A draft statement was included in the agenda. Committee members offered suggestions and asked for options to be presented at the next meeting. The point to emphasize is that the collaborative effort is among the local governments, and the outcome is services to others.