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Garfield County | Garfield County Public Library District | Roaring Fork Transportation Authority

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 1:05 to 3:01 p.m.

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

Board members present:

Garfield County: Ed Green

Garfield Library District: Janine Rose

Town of Parachute: Judi Hayward

City of Rifle: Jay Miller

City of Glenwood Springs: Shelley Kaup, David Sturges

Town of Carbondale: Frosty Merriott

RFTA: Ed Cortez

Board members not present:

Town of Silt

Town of New Castle

Others attending:

Garfield County: Jim Rada, environmental health manager; Lisa Dawson, finance manager

Rifle: Mike Braaten, government affairs and energy coordinator

Glenwood Springs: Jeff Hecksel, city manager

GEO: Joani Matranga

CLEER: Alice Laird, Heather McGregor

CLEER professional team: Mike Ogburn, Jeff Dickinson

Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado: Aron Diaz

Public: Dave Argo, George Wear

Next meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 1-3 p.m.,

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

Approval of minutes from April 14, 2010, meeting: Moved by Ed Green, seconded by Judi Hayward, no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Public comments: none

Board member comments: none

Presentations

Countywide Energy Inventory: Mike Ogburn, CLEER professional team

Mike presented a draft overview of the countywide energy inventory, one of the deliverables in the DOLA grant. Garfield County as a whole spends \$218 million a year on electricity, natural gas, propane, gasoline and diesel. That's \$3,586 per person, about 6 percent of the county's median income. The nine G-NECI partner governments spend \$5.4 million on energy: \$1.5 million on gasoline and diesel and \$3.8 million on electricity and natural gas.

The inventory report will be polished over the coming month and presented to the Advisory Board at the June 9 meeting for final approval. Energy reduction targets will not be included in the inventory at this time. Discussion of possible targets should occur at the June board meeting, along with a resolution for each board to pass.

GarfieldCleanEnergy.org website: Heather McGregor, CLEER

See attached memo.

Action items

Finance district update: Alice Laird, CLEER

A public hearing on the formation of a Local Improvement District for clean energy financing in Garfield County has been set for Monday, June 21, at 1:15 p.m. Further discussion was planned for the June 9 board meeting.

SEI Scholarship Selection Team: Alice Laird, CLEER

The G-NECI grant includes funding for teachers in the county's school districts to attend a workshop for educators at Solar Energy International. The scholarship opportunity has been announced in all three districts. Advisory Board members Janine Rose and David Sturges volunteered to serve on a scholarship selection team.

Long-term committee report: Shelley Kaup, Advisory Board chair, and Alice Laird, CLEER

The board reviewed a two-part memo from the Long-Term Structure Committee. The board approved the purpose statement as drafted by the committee, with one amendment:

Garfield Clean Energy is a collaborative effort among local governments to build the clean energy economy, while leading by example to ~~and~~ increase energy security through widespread development of energy efficiency and renewable energy.

The organization provides education, technical assistance, program development and administration, marketing and financing to make clean energy accessible and affordable for households, businesses, schools and community institutions throughout Garfield County.

Moved by Ed Green, seconded by Jay Miller, motion passed unanimously.

Shelley Kaup noted the name change from “Garfield New Energy Communities Initiative” to “Garfield Clean Energy.” While board members agreed the shorter name is better, they agreed to hold off on transitioning to the new name until closer to the time the DOLA grant is finished.

The second section of the memo contained a draft list of proposed services. The plan is to take this list and a summary of G-NECI accomplishments to date and present to each partner’s governing board during the summer for feedback. This will occur along with presentation of energy inventory and adoption of targets.

Project updates and reports

ENERGY STAR schools project: Crystal River Elementary School of Carbondale has been selected to be one of 14 competitors in EPA’s National Building Competition. CLEER and NET are reaching out to District 16 and Re-2 to start using EnergyCAP tracking and adopt more energy-saving measures. To date, the Roaring Fork School District has saved more than \$80,000 on electricity through smart energy management.

Senior Housing audit: After audits were done on senior housing facilities throughout Garfield County, Sunnyside Retirement Center in Glenwood Springs was selected as the preferred facility for a comprehensive retrofit because it presents the greatest opportunity for savings. Funds in the DOLA grant only covered audits of the senior housing facilities. Now, funds must be raised to carry out the recommended upgrades at Sunnyside.

Update on Colorado Retrofit Ramp-Up grant: Garfield, Boulder and Denver were among the nationwide winners of the DOE’s Retrofit Ramp-Up grant awards, winning \$25 million. The next step is establishing a grant agreement between Boulder County and Garfield County. Shelley Kaup requested a chart showing all the new funding sources coming in to G-NECI.

Update on Clean Energy Challenge: The Challenge for Business will be launched in June for commercial property owners across Garfield County, using half of the DOE block grant funds allocated for Garfield County (the other half will be used for a residential program) and SEP funds allocated for a Rifle/Parachute program from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment from an environmental penalty. The Challenge will offer free energy coach services and rebate boosters in addition to existing utility rebates.

Update on renewable energy projects: Jeff Dickinson noted that Xcel Energy’s REC payments are dropping, and advised G-NECI partners with pending projects in Xcel territory to move quickly to take advantage of higher RECs.

Budget and financial report: *See report in packet.*

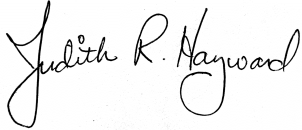
Report on pending GEO grants: The three-county application for the Main Street grant will be submitted on May 17. The application seeks \$250,000 to fund a commercial sector energy efficiency program in the three counties. The Advisory Board approved a letter of support to be included in the grant application.

GEO has not announced the results of the Community Marketing Grant.

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

These minutes were reviewed and approved by a vote of the Garfield New Energy Communities Initiative Advisory Board on June 9, 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 printed name.

Judith R. Hayward, Advisory Board Secretary