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

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 14, 2010, 1:05 to 3:10 p.m.

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

Board members present:

Garfield County: Ed Green, Dale Hancock

Garfield Library District: Wilma Paddock

Town of Parachute: Judi Hayward

City of Rifle: Keith Lambert

Town of Silt: Bobby Hays

Town of New Castle: Greg Russi

City of Glenwood Springs: Shelley Kaup

Town of Carbondale: Frosty Merriott

RFTA: Ed Cortez

Board members not present:

Others attending:

Garfield County: Trésí Houpt, county commissioner; Lisa Dawson, finance manager;

Rifle: Mike Braaten, government affairs and energy coordinator; Nathan Lindquist, city planner

Glenwood Springs: Jeff Hecksel, city manager

CLEER: Alice Laird, Heather McGregor, Erica Sparhawk, Mike Ogburn, Jeff Dickinson

GEO / SGM: Dan Richardson

Ennovate Corp: Joe Staib, Kim Goodwin

Next meeting

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010, Noon to 4 p.m.

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

Approval of minutes from June 9, 2010, meeting: Moved by Judi Hayward, seconded by Keith Lambert, no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Public comments: none

Board member comments: **Judi Hayward** noted that the Parachute Rest Area solar flowers have been installed and are already catching people's eyes. She noted that about 150 people ask

for information while stopped at the rest area each day, and requested an information sheet that can be handed out to people to explain the system. **Greg Russi** noted that New Castle's 70-kW solar system generated 12 percent more electricity than originally estimated in May and June. **Alice Laird** noted that the grand opening event for the solar array in Carbondale on July 9 went well and got good coverage in the *Glenwood Springs Post Independent*.

Action items

Performance Contracting: Jeff Dickinson, Alice Laird, CLEER; Joe Staib, Kim Goodwin, Ennovate Corp.

Jeff and Joe updated the board on the progress made on performance contracting. Steps completed are data collection, needs assessments, facility walk-throughs, and preliminary technical energy audits (TEAs). Ennovate is now holding scope selection working sessions. Next steps are the final TEA, entering into an energy performance contract, implementation, verification and monitoring. Suggested projects would cost \$1.6 million, deliver savings of \$156,000 per year, or about 11 percent, for a 9- to 11-year payback. However, it's difficult to finance the smaller projects in Parachute, Silt and News Castle.

Ennovate and CLEER suggested applying for a DOLA grant to supplement funding for the larger partners and to cover the costs of projects for the three smaller towns. The DOLA grant is due Aug 1. Another grant deadline is Dec. 1, but the state may not have funding in that round. The board and CLEER staff agreed to shoot for the Aug. 1 deadline. Ed Cortez moved to attempt to meet the Aug. 1 deadline, Bobby Hays seconded, after further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Energy targets resolution: Alice Laird, Mike Ogburn, CLEER

Alice presented a revised energy targets resolution intended to be presented to all the G-NECI partner governing boards for endorsement. Greg Russi noted that per capita energy use should be part of the target description. Mike Ogburn noted that it will be difficult to mesh population numbers, which are only estimates in between the census, with actual energy consumption numbers. Board members also discussed whether the resolution should go out as a draft, inviting additional input from governing boards, or as a final resolution.

Keith Lambert moved to send the resolution forward to partner government as a recommendation from the G-NECI Advisory Board – not as a draft – for the partner governing boards to support. Bobby Hays seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Amendment of energy education component of G-NECI: Alice Laird, CLEER

Alice proposed a change in the description of a line item in the G-NECI budget and deliverables to reflect new approaches learned over the past year. She proposed changing the original "Train K-12 teachers in RE-1, RE-2 and D-16 through Solar in the Schools Program" to instead be "Develop energy education support materials and programs, and provide training/support for teachers to work with students on energy-saving programs and educational opportunities in Garfield County schools." Bobby Hays moves to approve the change, Keith Lambert seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Letter of support, CMC grant application: Alice Laird, CLEER

Colorado Mountain College is seeking a letter of support for a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education to build its sustainability education programs. Ed Green moved to write a letter of support, Judi Hayward seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Project updates and reports

Update on Clean Energy Challenge: Erica Sparhawk, CLEER

A memo was provided in the meeting packet. So far, 12 businesses have signed up, another 41 grants are available. CLEER will be presenting information on the Energy Inventory and the Challenge for Business in the Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association's "Eye on the Economy" series, along with three CARD business owners.

Update on Colorado Retrofit Ramp-Up grant and PACE: Alice Laird, CLEER

PACE programs across the country are stalled because of recent actions by the Federal Housing Finance Agency. As a result, the Garfield-Denver-Boulder grant team is rethinking how to approach the overall program. It is also possible that this funding, once awarded to Garfield County, may require competitive bidding for a contractor to carry it out.

Energy efficiency fleets policy update: Mike Ogburn, CLEER

The City of Rifle has agreed to pursue an efficient fleets policy, and work is under way to develop the policy.

Longer-term Structure Committee and Advisory Board meeting: Alice Laird

Alice proposed a longer meeting in August to discuss options for the future. The board agreed to meet on the regular meeting date, Aug. 11, but to meet from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The long-term structure committee would hold an interim meeting on Aug. 4, time and venue TBD.

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

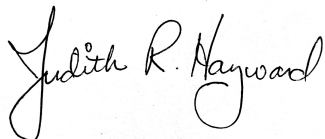
Upcoming events: Heather McGregor, CLEER

An achievement awards ceremony event is being planned along with a day-long conference on clean energy, tentative date of Oct. 8.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. (Ed Cortez departed at 2:40 p.m., Keith Lambert departed at 2:55 p.m.)

These minutes were reviewed and approved by a vote of the Garfield New Energy Communities Initiative Advisory Board on Sept. 8, 2010.

Signed by:



Judith R. Hayward, Advisory Board Secretary