

Community Renewable Energy Agency Board Meeting Minutes

The Community Renewable Energy Agency Board met in a regular public meeting on **Monday, August 7, 2023**, at Millcreek City Hall, located at 3330 S. 1300 E., Millcreek, UT 84106 and participated electronically via GoToMeeting.

PRESENT:

Board Members

In person

Dan Dugan, Chair, *Salt Lake City*
Drew Quinn, *Holladay*
Emily Quinton, *Summit County*
Christopher Thomas, *Salt Lake City*
Jeff Silvestrini, *Millcreek*

Electronic

Randy Aton, *Springdale*
Holly Smith, *Holladay*
Pamela Gibson, *Castle Valley*
Chris Cawley, *Alta*
Luke Cartin, *Park City*
Kalen Jones, *Moab*
Suzanne Elger, *Springdale*
David Brems, *Emigration Canyon Township*
Alexi Lamm, *Moab*
Roger Armstrong, *Summit County*
Emily Paskett, *Salt Lake County*

In Person Attendees: Kurt Hansen, *Millcreek*; Alex Wendt, *Millcreek*

Electronic Attendees: Bob Davis, *Division of Public Utilities*; Brenda Salter, *Division of Public Utilities*; Lorenzo Long, *Ogden City Staff*; Janene Eller-Smith, *Ogden City Staff*; Jeanne Evenden, *Ogden Resident*; Monica O'Malley, *Salt Lake City Staff*; Gordon Bennett, *Emigration Canyon Township staff*; Sam Owen, *Salt Lake City Staff*; Doug Wheelwright, *Division of Public Utilities*; Laura Singer, *Fervo Energy*; Kathryn Calderon, *Salt Lake County staff*; Tim Fitzpatrick, *Salt Lake Tribune*; Carmen Valdez, *HEAL Utah*

Minutes by Alex Wendt, Millcreek Deputy Recorder.

REGULAR MEETING – 1:00 p.m.

TIME COMMENCED: 1:01 p.m.

- 1. Welcome, Introduction, and Preliminary Matters**
 - 1.1 Purpose and Overview of Meeting**
 - 1.2 Current Participation Percentages included in Board Packet**

1.3 September Board Meeting to Take Place on 2nd Monday of the Month Due to Labor Day Holiday.

2. Business Matters

2.1 Approval of July 17, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

Board Member Silvestrini moved to approve the July 17, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes. Board Member Quinn seconded. Chair Dugan called for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

2.2 Treasurer Report (Year-to-Date Contributions and Expenses)

Board Member Silvestrini said another legal fee bill has been paid and Penna Powers has submitted their invoice for payment.

2.3 Reports From Committees (Program Design, Low-Income Plan, Communications)

Board Member Chris Cawley gave the update from the Communication Committee. The Communication Committee is coordinating with Penna Powers on the brand voice document. This is pending while the Board considers the updated branding. The Agency approved new branding by adopting Resolution 23-05. The new color scheme allows more flexibility in designing marketing assets. The Utah outline with plug iconography are examples of this. Board Member Cawley included the brand voice document in the meeting packet. Use the term “Utah Renewable Communities” in most cases when referring to the Agency. It can be shortened to URC. The first monthly newsletter is almost ready to go out after the Penna Powers updates. Penna Powers will draft content and the Committee will review and approve. Content in the newsletter will be brief and may refer to website pages for full-text sources. Articles are written and the August newsletter is ready to send. A draft of the newsletter is in the packet. The next Communication Committee meeting will be on Friday, August 11th.

Board Member Emily Quinton said there were no substantive updates to give this month from the Low-Income Plan Committee.

Board Member Christopher Thomas gave the Program Design Committee update. Proposed edits were sent by Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) to the Utility Agreement. Counsel for the Board will review the edits and determine if they are substantive changes or not. PacifiCorp and members of the Program Design Committee hosted an open house for renewable energy developers. This was attended by 30 people. The Agency submitted an expression of interest in renewable energy projects bid into PacifiCorp 2022 All Source Request for Proposals. Small group meetings with four renewable energy developers are scheduled. The Board approved the Utility Agreement on July 17, 2023. As soon as Utility Agreement language is finalized, all board members will be sent the final version along with a slide deck and memo. Member Communities were requested to execute the agreement by September 1, 2023, but given the delay in finalizing language it is okay to aim for October 1, 2023. Board Member Silvestrini said that the Utility Agreement is a step towards developing the Program, then there is a step to adopt the Program through the Ordinance. Communities have time to evaluate; this is not a final

decision. Program Design Committee members are available to provide briefings.

Board Member Thomas spoke about opt-out notices. A draft of the opt-out notice is in the Board Packet. Notices will be sent to all current customers when the Program launches. There is a residential version and non-residential version. Dates, amounts, and final list of participating communities are highlighted. Please send comments to Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas gave some more detail on the Agency budget. The governance agreement outlined the amount of money budgeted at \$700,000 total. \$200,000 was budgeted to pay for Division of Public Utilities and Office of Consumer Services consultants. Penna Powers not to exceed budget is \$93,500. There is an unallocated portion of the budget of \$106,500. This can help extend legal and technical engagement if negotiations with Rocky Mountain Power stagnate.

Board Member Quinton asked if the opt-out notice will have Rocky Mountain Power branding since it is coming from RMP? Chair Dugan asked if opt-out notices would be only letters or letters and emails? Board Member Thomas said that the current working idea is that a letter would be sent and an email to people who have opted for email noticing from RMP.

2.4 Public Comments

There were no public comments.


2.5 Board Member Comments

Chair Dugan thanked the Low Income Plan Committee, the Communication Committee, and the Program Design Committee for their work.

2.6 Closed Session (If needed): The Board may convene in a closed session to discuss items as provided by Utah Code Ann. 52-4-205

3. Adjournment

Board Member Silvestrini moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:41 p.m. Board Member Quinn seconded. Chair Dugan called for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:  Date **9-29-23**
Dan Dugan, Chair

ATTEST:


Emily Quinton, Secretary