

Community Renewable Energy Agency Board Meeting Minutes

The Community Renewable Energy Agency Board met in a regular public meeting on **Monday, September 11, 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*
Emily Quinton, *Summit County*
Christopher Thomas, *Salt Lake City*

Electronic

Randy Aton, *Springdale*
Elissa Martin, *Grand County*
Chris Cawley, *Alta*
Luke Cartin, *Park City*
Kalen Jones, *Moab*
Patrick Schaeffer, *Kearns Metro Township*
David Brems, *Emigration Canyon Township*
Alexi Lamm, *Moab*
Roger Armstrong, *Summit County*
Emily Paskett, *Salt Lake County*
Suzanne Harrison, *Salt Lake County*
Samantha DeSeelhorst, *Cottonwood Heights*

In Person Attendees: Andrew Clark, *Millcreek*; Alex Wendt, *Millcreek*

Electronic Attendees: Bob Davis, *Division of Public Utilities*; Brenda Salter, *Division of Public Utilities*; Gordon Bennett, *Emigration Canyon Township*; Monica O'Malley, *Salt Lake City Staff*; Joan Entwistle, *Summit County resident*; Doug Wheelwright, *Division of Public Utilities*; Janene Eller-Smith, *Ogden City Staff*; Lorenzo Long, *Ogden City staff*; Eliza Cowie, *O2 Utah*; Will Foster, *NextEra*

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

2. Business Matters

2.1 Approval of August 7, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

Board Member DeSeelhorst made the motion to approve the August 7, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes. Board Member Aton 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)

Secretary Quinton gave the Treasurer Report. One column has been added to the Treasurer Report to account for how much money is left for each budget item.

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

Board Member Chris Cawley gave the Communication Committee update. Penna Powers has not sent any new documents for the Board to review. The social media content calendar is coming together but there will be more updates in October when the Communication Committee receives items from Penna Powers.

Board Member DeSeelhorst gave the update for the Low-Income Plan Committee. There are 5 outreach steps identified in the Low-Income Plan: 1) invite the organization to a quarterly meeting; 2) add the organization to the Listserv; 3) meet with organization one on one; 4) provide the organization with an informational poster, and 5) provide email notice template. Organizations from your low-income plan that are not shared with other municipalities are your job to contact. Within the subset of organizations that are listed by many of your municipalities to contact, they will be first contacted by the Low-Income Plan Committee. For organizations listed by most communities all 5 steps will be done by the Low-Income Plan committee. Communities should begin their outreach once the Utah Public Service Commission approves the Program. Please meet with the organizations one on one within a year of the Program being approved.

Board Member Christopher Thomas gave the Program Design Committee update. The Program Design Committee met three times in August. Their small group met four times to discuss resource valuation, procurement, and financial backstop. They held meetings with four different renewable energy developers. Technical consultants for the Division of Public Utilities and Utah Renewable Communities are scheduled to meet on September 13th. The Program Design Committee requested an itemized list of custom third-party programming features and costs required by Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) to implement the program.

RMP attorneys have gone silent regarding the Utility Agreement with no communication since the Board agreed to their only remaining requested change on August 21st. This issue has been sent to an RMP Vice President. Mr. Thomas conveyed that there are 18 communities' in this organization, and the Board cannot turn on a dime. If there are any outstanding issues Rocky Mountain Power wants to address in the agreement, those have not been communicated to the Board attorney. Pushing to have Rocky Mountain Power finalize the agreement as soon as possible and telling them that the communities need to

sign by October 1st. The Program Design Committee will send the finalized agreement to the Board members for community signature as soon as it is available.

The State of Utah announced the Beehive Emission Reduction Plan. The State's planning effort is under the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. Utah is requesting ideas on measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions throughout the state. Ideas are due October 13, 2023. Mr. Thomas said he would like to submit the Utah Renewable Communities Program to the State's process for consideration. There is no guarantee that the State will consider this program as a measure for its climate plan. The hope is to fund big projects to cut pollution. Please watch out for the final Utility Agreement, presentation, slides, and memo. Please review the opt-out notice draft and send your concerns to Mr. Thomas.

2.4 Public Comments

Joan Entwistle from Park City expressed her frustration with RMP to adopt the Utility Agreement.

2.5 Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 23-07, Resolution of the Board Adopting an Annual Meeting Schedule

Board member Quinton said the schedule is very similar to the past meeting schedules. The Board will meet on the first Monday of the month unless there is a holiday.

Board Member Armstrong made the motion to adopt Resolution 23-07, Resolution of the Board Adopting an Annual Meeting Schedule. Board Member DeSeelhorst seconded. Chair Dugan called for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

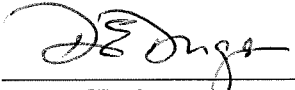
2.6 Board Member Comments


Chair Dugan thanked all the staff members who help with the Board and then thanked Board Member Christopher Thomas who wrote an editorial to the Standard Examiner clarifying the purpose of the Program and the Board. Board Member Quinton said the recurring calendar invite is set to go through September of 2024 so there will not be a new invitation sent out at this time. But if you need to add more staff to those invitations, please let her know.

2.7 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 DeSeelhorst made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 p.m. Board Member Aton seconded. Chair Dugan called for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:  Date 20/9/2023
Dan Dugan, Chair

ATTEST:

Emily Quinton, Secretary