

# Community Renewable Energy Agency Board Meeting Minutes

The Community Renewable Energy Agency Board met in a regular public meeting on **Monday, October 2, 2023**, at Millcreek City Hall, located at 3330 S. 1300 E., Millcreek, UT 84106 and participated electronically via GoToMeeting.

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## **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*

Elissa Martin, *Grand County*

Pamela Gibson, *Castle Valley*

Chris Cawley, *Alta*

Luke Cartin, *Park City*

Jeremy Rubell, *Park City*

Kalen Jones, *Moab*

Patrick Schaeffer, *Kearns Metro Township*

David Brems, *Emigration Canyon Township*

Roger Armstrong, *Summit County*

Emily Paskett, *Salt Lake County*

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

**Electronic Attendees:** Brenda Salter, *Division of Public Utilities*; Sara Montoya, *Salt Lake City staff*; Eliza Cowie, *O2 Utah*; Janene Eller-Smith, *Ogden City Staff*; Monica O'Malley, *Salt Lake City Staff*; Lorenzo Long, *Ogden Resident*; Sam Owen, *Salt Lake City Staff*, Hannah A; Carmen Valdez, *HEAL Utah*

Minutes by Alex Wendt, Millcreek Deputy Recorder.

**REGULAR MEETING – 1:00 p.m.**

**TIME COMMENCED: 1:02 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 September 11, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

**Board Member Silvestrini made the motion to approve the September 11, 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)

The only change is a legal fee bill per Board Member Silvestrini. Board Member Silvestrini said that if everything goes well with construction the next meeting of this Board will be at the new Millcreek City Hall building.

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

Board Member Chris Cawley gave the Communication update. They held meetings on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. During these meetings the Communication Committee finalized the newsletter template, reviewed social media strategy and content for October. In July, the Agency Board approved Resolution 23-05 adopting a new informal name, logo, and tagline: Utah Renewable Communities, 100% Committed to Clean Energy. With the social media strategy, the goal is to amplify social media presence to increase program awareness and education. Key audience is Rocky Mountain power customers and the public. The total bill for Penna Powers is just a bit under \$30,000 at \$29,141.25. 37% of the budget is expended. Next steps for the Communication Committee include publishing the newsletter, launching the updated website, and launching the social media campaign. They continue to work on the opt-out letter. The Communication Committee will schedule meetings with participating communities' communication staff.

Board Member Quinton gave the update for the Low-Income Plan committee. On October 18<sup>th</sup> the committee will be hosting a meeting for all the organizations listed in the Low-Income plan.

Board Member Christopher Thomas gave the Program Design Committee (PDC) update. Key activities include two meetings in September. The PDC met with the Office of Consumer Services Director and technical consultants to discuss program resource valuation. Rocky Mountain Power has approved the executed version of the Utility Agreement as of 10/02/2023. The Board already approved the signing of the Utility Agreement in July, and there have been no substantive changes. The Board Chair has signed the agreement. Expect an email from Board Member Quinton today or tomorrow with a request to return with a signature by November 17, 2023.

Mr. Thomas spoke about the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. Utah announced the Beehive Emissions Reduction Plan and is accepting ideas for the plan through a Google form. Resolution 23-08 demonstrates the Board's support for developing a proposal to submit to the State describing the Program's expected size, cost, and pollution reduction benefits. Mr. Thomas is working on the proposal and has asked for help from the Agency technical consultant to help estimate costs. If the State includes the URC program in its plan the Program could be eligible for an award between \$2 million and \$500 million. Board Member Silvestrini asked if the proposal will ask for a certain

amount, and what the end goal of the application is. Mr. Thomas explained that he would probably ask for money to cover all the resources that Program may need and then backup that amount. Chair Dugan asked if the proposal needs any signatures. Mr. Thomas said no it does not. This proposal is to share with the State that there is a group of 18 communities that really care about this. Please keep your eye out for the Utility Agreement, presentation, slides, and memo. Expect an email from Board Member Emily Quinton. Chair Dugan asked about the deadlines on the Program Application dashboard. Mr. Thomas said that most of the deadlines are easy to accomplish if ongoing negotiations about resource valuation go well. There could be a route forward in a month. Chair Dugan said that the lynchpin is resource valuation.

**2.4 Public Comments.**

There were no public comments.

**2.5 Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 23-08, Resolution of the Board Approving the Development and Submission of a Beehive Pollution Reduction Proposal to the Utah Division of Air Quality for Inclusion in the Beehive Emission Plan**

Board Member Silvestrini thanked Mr. Thomas for working on the proposal.

**Board Member Quinn made the motion to approve Resolution 23-08, Resolution of the Board Approving the Development and Submission of a Beehive Pollution Reduction Proposal to the Utah Division of Air Quality for Inclusion in the Beehive Emission Plan. Board Member Silvestrini seconded. Chair Dugan called for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.**

**2.6 Board Member Comments**

Board member Quinton spoke about the Beehive Emission Pollution plan. Board Member Silvestrini said he was willing to write a letter of support.

**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 Silvestrini made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:34 p.m. Board Member Quinn seconded. Chair Dugan called for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Dan Dugan, Chair

Date

11-13-23

ATTEST:



Emily Quinton, Secretary