

Community Renewable Energy Agency Board Meeting Minutes

The Community Renewable Energy Agency Board met in a regular public meeting on **Monday, November 6, 2023**, at Millcreek City Hall, located at 1330 E. Chambers Avenue, 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*
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*
Emily Paskett, *Salt Lake County*
Alexi Lamm, *Moab*
Samantha DeSeelhorst, *Cottonwood Heights*
Joe Frazier, *Oakley*
Holly Smith, *Holladay*
Angela Choberka, *Ogden*

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

Electronic Attendees: Janene Eller-Smith, *Ogden City Staff*; Monica O'Malley, *Salt Lake City Staff*; Lorenzo Long, *Ogden City Staff*; Jeanne Evenden, *Ogden Resident*; Laura Singer, *Fervo Energy*

Minutes by Alex Wendt, Millcreek Deputy Recorder.

REGULAR MEETING – 1:00 p.m.

TIME COMMENCED: 1:13 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 October 2, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

Board Member Silvestrini made the motion to approve the October 2, 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 that one additional bill has been paid to the Board legal counsel.

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

Board Member Chris Cawley gave the update for the Communication Committee. There was one meeting for the Communication Committee, held on October 13th. They discussed using paid ads. They have had a 34% growth of followers for the Agency Instagram account and a 1000% increase in activity by people viewing the accounts and resharing the videos. The website has seen a 1500% increase in traffic. This is great evidence that the Agency Communication plan is working. They have uncovered some new expenses. The Communication Committee is using a paid Mailchimp account at \$324 per year. This is being covered generously by Summit County. The Wix website annual fee is being paid by Salt Lake City and it costs \$244 per year. By paying to boost the Agency social media presence the Communication Committee can reach more people in Utah. There will be future discussions about how worthwhile this would be and what the budget should be. The Communication Committee will have a meeting on November 7th with City communications staff where they will present the Utah Renewable Communities communication strategies. Total amount billed to date by Penna Powers is \$35,954.25 and the total budget is \$93,500. Next steps include the meeting on November 7th and continuing to develop social media and newsletter content.

Board Member Samantha DeSeelhorst gave the update for the Low-Income Plan Committee. In October 2023 the Low-Income Plan Committee hosted a meeting with community organizations to provide an update on the Program, answer questions, and request their feedback on outreach materials. They will host this type of meeting on a quarterly basis. The Committee will be sending another round of outreach emails to each community. The email will remind each community of the outreach strategies in the Low-Income Plan. Board Member DeSeelhorst said if people or communities have questions that they can reach out to her via text or email.

Board Member Quinton gave the Program Design Committee update. There have been no changes to the Program Application dashboard. In October the committee met three times. The small group met three additional times. The Program Design Committee met with the Office of Consumer Services to continue discussions about program resource valuation. They also met with the PacifiCorp billing and customer solutions team. The Board voted to approve the Utility Agreement in July. The Utility Agreement was signed by Chair Dugan in October. Please sign and return the signed Utility Agreement to Board Member Quinton by November 17th, 2023. As of November 2nd, six communities have

signed the agreement. Board Member Choberka asked how pinned down is the deadline of November 17th? Board Member Quinton said the date was set to push communities to sign the agreement, but it is not a drop-dead date.

During the October 2nd meeting the Board adopted Resolution 23-08, Approving the Beehive Pollution Reduction Proposal. The Proposal was submitted on October 13, 2023. The proposal considers acquiring energy from a new 200-megawatt solar project and a new 200-megawatt wind project to fully meet the net 100% by 2030 renewable electricity goal. Using recent generic costs from PacifiCorp 2023 Integrated Resource Plan and recent generic avoided cost prices the total cost was estimated at between \$70-\$100 million. These new resources would reduce 636,000 tons of CO₂ annually. Actual costs will reflect the results of competitive solicitation and approved program. PacifiCorp suspended its 2022 All-Source Request for Proposal on September 29th, 2023. This is challenging because the Utah Renewable Communities had filed an expression of interest to acquire resources from this 2022 ASRFP. There is an active and ongoing conversation with the Board legal counsel about running an independent Request for Proposals (RFP). PacifiCorp cited wildfire risks as one reason for their suspension of their RFP. An Oregon jury awarded \$90 million to survivors of a 2020 Oregon fire. The Program Design Committee hopes to land on a program resource valuation proposal within the next month. The Committee also continues to explore how they would host their own Request for Proposals, including who would host it and what it would cost.

2.4 Public Comments

There were no public comments.


2.5 Board Member Comments

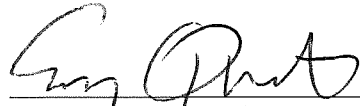
Chair Dugan thanked Board Member Silvestrini for allowing the Board to use Millcreek facilities.

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 made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:47 p.m. Board Member Quinn seconded. Chair Dugan called for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:  Date 3 DEZ 2023
Dan Dugan, Chair

ATTEST: 
Emily Quinton, Secretary

