

Community Renewable Energy Agency Board Meeting Minutes

The Community Renewable Energy Agency Board met in a regular public meeting on **Monday, April 1, 2024**, at Millcreek City Hall, located at 1330 E. Chambers Avenue, Millcreek, UT 84106 and participated electronically via GoToMeeting.

PRESENT:

Board Members

In person

Angela Choberka, Vice Chair, *Ogden*

Drew Quinn, *Holladay*

Emily Quinton, *Summit County*

Christopher Thomas, *Salt Lake City*

Electronic

Cheri Jackson, *Millcreek*

Randy Aton, *Springdale*

Pamela Gibson, *Castle Valley*

Chris Cawley, *Alta*

Luke Cartin, *Park City*

Jeremy Rubell, *Park City*

David Brems, *Emigration Canyon Township*

Alexi Lamm, *Moab*

Samantha DeSeelhorst, *Cottonwood Heights*

Joe Frazier, *Oakley*

Roger Armstrong, *Summit County*

Kyla Topham, *Springdale*

In Person Attendees: Kurt Hansen, *Millcreek*; Alex Wendt, *Millcreek*; Mayor Stevenson, *Midvale*; Council Member Zach Jacobs, *West Jordan*

Electronic Attendees: Bob Davis, *Division of Public Utilities*; Monica O'Malley, *Salt Lake City Staff*; Joan Entwistle, *Park City Resident*; Nic Wagner, *O₂ Utah*; Sam Owen, *Salt Lake City staff*; Angela Price, *Salt Lake City staff*; Lina Costa, *Holladay*; Kathryn Calderon, *Salt Lake County*

Minutes by Alex Wendt, Millcreek Deputy Recorder.

REGULAR MEETING – 1:00 p.m.

TIME COMMENCED: 1:14 p.m.

1. Welcome, Introduction, and Preliminary Matters

1.1 Purpose and Overview of Meeting

Vice Chair Choberka called the meeting together at 1:14 p.m.

1.2 Current Participation Percentages included in Board Packet

2. Business Matters

2.1 Approval of March 4, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

Board Member Quinn made the motion to approve the March 4, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes. Board Member DeSeelhorst seconded the motion. Vice Chair Choberka asked for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Secretary Quinton provided a summary of the Treasurer's Report in place of Board Member Silvestrini. She noted that typical monthly payments were made to communications and legal consultants. However, she pointed out a mistake at the end of the report where it still listed an unallocated portion of the budget. This will be removed and corrected in the next report. Secretary Quinton explained that those funds have been allocated to legal and technical consultants. She apologized for the error.

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

Board Member Chris Cawley gave the report from the Communication Committee. The purpose of the communication committee is to coordinate joint press releases, media interviews, social media campaigns, facilitate public awareness events, and update and maintain the website, Instagram, and Facebook pages and other communication channels. Board Resolution 22-10 authorized the communication committee to solicit proposals to hire a public relations or communication consultant. Board Resolution 23-09 authorized the selection and contracting of Penna Powers under Penna's State of Utah cooperative contract. The scope of their work included a communications audit, branding, social media, newsletter content, public relations support, and attendance at meetings. The communication committee met on March 9th and discussed the press release regarding Salt Lake City's application for an EPA grant. Ongoing committee member collaboration with Penna Powers will include drafting social media and newsletter content.

Board Member Samantha DeSeelhorst gave the report from the Low-Income Plan Committee. There were no major updates from the Committee. Board Member DeSeelhorst asked potential new members of the Board to reach out to her if they have questions about the work of the Low-Income Plan Committee.

Board Member Christopher Thomas said that the job of the Program Design Committee is to negotiate with Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) and to direct the work of outside counsel and analytical consultants. The program design small group met three times to discuss resource valuation and procurement, and financial backstop. Because of the suspension and cancellation of PacifiCorp's All Source RFP, the Program Design Committee has been working on the Agency's own program resource solicitation. Board Member Thomas spoke about a new timeline. They hope that in May, RMP will submit proposed solicitation rules and documents to the Utah Public Service Commissioner for approval. Then in the summer and fall the Agency can publish solicitations, score bids, select projects for contract negotiations.

The proposed solicitation process overview is as follows from Mr. Thomas: 1) Apply screening criteria and remove non-conforming bids. 2) Perform project readiness assessment and remove bids less than 70%. 3) Score remaining projects and select up to three highest-scoring bids across three categories for the shortlist. 4) RMP calculates financial benefits and estimates emissions reductions through 2030 and projects are re-scored. Top project bids will be recommended to the Utah Renewable Communities Board for approval and contract negotiation with RMP.

Board member Thomas spoke about screening criteria. The resource size should be 20 megawatts to 300 megawatts, online date no later than January 1, 2030. With the scoring process, price accounts for 70 points, non-price criteria are 30 points. Board Member Thomas reviewed the project readiness assessment. They developed a list of 10 project readiness factors, each worth 1 point. These include site control for generation facility, signed large generator interconnection agreement, facilities study, and more. The committee will have a consultant review bids. Project bids must achieve a project readiness score of at least 70%. Every project bid will indicate a price per megawatt-hour. The bid with the lowest price will receive 70 points and all others will receive a pro-rated share of 70 points. For shortlisted projects, projects with a negative net cost receive 70 points and projects with a zero net cost receive 69 points. The lowest positive net cost project receives 68 points, and all others received a prorated share of 68 points. The online date of the project has a potential of 3 points. Projects with an online date of December 2027 can receive 3 points. Projects located in Utah will receive 3 points. If located in Utah with at least 50% of the construction labor hours supplied by in-state labor, this is 1 point. Whether the project agrees to meeting prevailing wage requirements for construction labor is worth 1 point. There are additional non-price criteria.

Board Member Thomas spoke about the Powering Up Utah Renewable Communities grant application of \$49.6 million to help the Utah Renewable Communities program launch. \$48.9 million is for participant support costs. \$47.3 million of this would be for a clean electricity subsidy. \$1.7 million would be for a program administration subsidy. \$700,000 would assist lower-income households in communities with Federally identified disadvantaged communities. There should be some indication of award status in July, and an award in October.

Please look for near final solicitation documents later this month. Be ready to vote on a resolution approving the solicitation documents at the May board meeting.

2.4 Public Comment

Mayor Marcus Stevenson, Midvale, stated that Midvale is interested in joining. Their city council is interested in taking next steps and doing more research.

Zach Jacobs, West Jordan, said that West Jordan is interested in what the future looks like for the Board and is interested in doing more research.

2.5 Board Member Comments

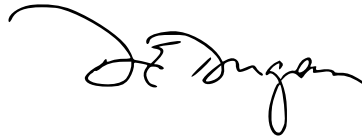
Board Member Emily Quinton relayed to the Board that Mayor Silvestrini, Chair Dugan, and Salt Lake City Mayor, Erin Mendenhall, had a meeting with RMP leadership to discuss the program development timeline. Board Member Thomas said he was at the

meeting, and they discussed whether the program application can be submitted by RMP before or after the review from the Utah Public Service Commission on program resource solicitation.

2.6 Closed Session (If needed)

3. Adjournment

Board Member DeSeelhorst made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:14 p.m. Board Member Cawley seconded the motion. Vice Chair, Angela Choberka called for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.



APPROVED: _____ **Date** May 13, 2024
Dan Dugan, Chair

ATTEST:



Emily Quinton, Secretary