

Community Renewable Energy Agency Board Meeting Minutes

The Community Renewable Energy Agency Board met in a special public meeting on **Monday, July 8, 2024**, 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*
Christopher Thomas, *Salt Lake City*
Jeff Silvestrini, *Millcreek*
Drew Quinn, *Holladay*

Electronic

Randy Aton, *Springdale*
Emily Quinton, *Summit County*
Pamela Gibson, *Castle Valley*
Chris Cawley, *Alta*
Luke Cartin, *Park City*
David Brems, *Emigration Canyon Township*
Emily Paskett, *Salt Lake County*
Alexi Lamm, *Moab*
Kyla Topham, *Springdale*
Lorenzo Long, *Ogden*

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

Electronic Attendees: Brenda Salter, *Division of Public Utilities*; Monica O'Malley, *Salt Lake City staff*; Chrystal Butterfield, *City of Kearns*; Jeanne Evenden, *Ogden resident*; Isaac Higham; Carmen Valdez, *HEAL Utah*; Samantha Pensari, *Stewardship Utah*

Minutes by Alex Wendt, Millcreek Deputy Recorder.

SPECIAL MEETING – 1:00 p.m.

TIME COMMENCED: 1:03 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 June 3, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes**

Board Member Quinn made the motion to approve the June 3, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes. Board Member Silvestrini seconded the motion. Chair Dugan

asked for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Silvestrini said that the Midvale City Council has sent their \$100 application fee.

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

Board Member Chris Cawley gave the update for the Communication Committee. They will be switching the website domain, email domain and contact lists to .gov instead of .org. They are also working on creating a Spanish language translation function on the program website. The Communication Committee is ready to support the program application, program approval, and community onboarding. Mayor Silvestrini said Mayor Mendenhall would like to host a meeting with Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) with respect to the program application.

Board Member Samantha DeSeelhorst gave the update for the Low-Income Plan Committee. One of the required outreach steps is to add all organizations from the Low-Income Plans to a listserv so that updates can be sent to all communities regarding the Program. The Low-Income Plan Committee is managing this step on behalf of all communities. They will be proactively adding all organizations to a Listserv and then providing them with instructions on how to unsubscribe. The Utah Renewable Communities (URC) website has an existing low-income resources page, which houses the community profiles. This page is geared towards agency members rather than community members. The Low-Income Plan Committee has been curating content for a more public facing energy affordability page complete with information on existing incentive programs, the URC low-income plans and energy efficiency information. The content for the webpage is nearly finalized. Each community is responsible for outreach to any organizations that your low-income plan includes.

Board Member Christopher Thomas gave the update for the Program Design Committee. The Program Design Committee met once in June. The committee met with Energy Strategies and continued to refine the solicitation narrative. Recent revisions to the solicitation include that bidders may but will not be required to submit a Build Transfer Agreement proposal. For bids other than wind, solar, and battery, bidders may be required to pay for third-party expertise to evaluate financial and pollution reduction benefits, most likely for geothermal bids. The committee hopes to finalize the solicitation for submission to the Utah Public Service Commission no later than mid-July. The Program Design Committee will likely need to refine the Agency's resource procurement policy, given that the program resource solicitation will not result in a general government procurement. The contract will be between PacificCorp and a developer and that is regulated by the Utah Public Service Commission. Board Member Thomas spoke about the potential projects in the interconnection queue from RMP. There are 3000 megawatts of solar, wind, and geothermal projects out there in the que that developers are eager to build and add to the system. The Agency solicitation is the bridge that would hopefully allow some of these projects to be built. Board Member Thomas hopes that the PSC will approve the documents and then by fall the Board can publish the solicitation. Then by winter he is hoping that RMP will submit the rest of the program application. Board Member Thomas then spoke about the 80-megawatt solar project operating in

Toole County. This is a 5-year project involving six large electricity customers, Salt Lake City, Park City, Summit County, Utah Valley University, Deer Valley Resorts, Park City Mountain, and Vail resorts. He hopes that Utah will see more development like this.

2.4 Reminder About Pathway for Prospective Communities to Join the Community Renewable Energy Agency

If prospective parties wish to join the URC board they need to submit their application and sign the governance agreement and submit their low-income plan by August 31st. Chair Dugan said that new communities should reach out and they have a few days left to join and send their \$100 check. There is one community that is almost at the finish line.

2.5 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2.6 Board Member Comments

Board Member Luke Cartin said that RMP filed for a significant general rate increase of about 30% over the next two years. Governor Cox wrote a strongly worded post about it on social media.

2.7 Closed Session (If needed)

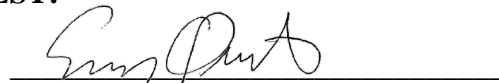
3. Adjournment

Chair Dugan moved the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Board Member Quinn seconded the motion. Chair Dugan called for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.



APPROVED: _____ **Date**
Dan Dugan, Chair

ATTEST:



Emily Quinton, Secretary