Community Renewable Energy Agency Board Meeting Minutes

The Community Renewable Energy Agency Board met in a regular public meeting on **Monday**, **July 7, 2025**, 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 Emily Quinton, Summit County Drew Quinn, Holladay Cheri Jackson, Millcreek Erinn Summers, Midvale City

Electronic

Christopher Thomas, Salt Lake City Chris Cawley, Alta Lorenzo Long, Ogden Randy Aton, Springdale Melodie McCandless, Grand County Pamela Gibson, Castle Vallev Luke Cartin, Park City Jeremy Rubell, Park City Patrick Schaeffer, City of Kearns Suzanne Harrison, Salt Lake County Alexi Lamm, Moab Ian Harris, Cottonwood Heights Roger Armstrong, Summit County Kyla Topham, Springdale Holly Smith, *Holladay* David Brems, Emigration Canyon City Kaitlin Myers, Moab

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

Electronic Attendees: Bob Davis, *Division of Public Utilities*; Brenda Salter, *Division of Public Utilities*; Jeanne Evenden, *Ogden resident*; Tim Lennell, *Daymark Energy Advisors*

Minutes by Alex Wendt, Millcreek Deputy Recorder.

REGULAR 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 2, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Board Member Quinn made the motion to approve the June 2, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes. Board Member Jackson 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).

Board Member Quinton spoke about the treasurer report. There will be an update from the Program Design Committee on the bid fees and solicitation. Millcreek has received one bid fee payment and that is reflected in the report. There is a summary table of the Agency budget with columns added to note donations from Stewardship Utah which are being used to offset legal and technical fees associated with the program application.

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

Board Member Chris Cawley gave the Communication Committee update. The Communication Committee held a meeting with additional URC communities that was a SWOT workshop (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats). Strengths of the program include that the program is self-selecting, big and exciting, adding electricity to the grid. Weaknesses are mostly things that are out of the control of the Agency, state regulations, and clean energy market fluctuations. Salt Lake City has engaged with Penna Powers and Penna Powers will hold a strategic planning meeting to generate a strategic plan through September 2026, including optimizing the URC website and perhaps change platforms. Midvale is joining the Communications Committee, and the rest of the committee is very happy to have them.

Board Member Ian Harris said the Low-Income Plan Committee does not have any updates at this time.

Board Member Christopher Thomas gave the update for the Program Design Committee. The URC solicitation is live. Bids are due by July 10. The first bid fee has been received. The Program Application Docket is 25-035-06. Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) filed the rest of the Program Application and testimony on June 4th. The Commission issued a scheduled order for a hearing on December 16th. The Program Design core team has been drafting testimony for the July 18th deadline and sending data requests to RMP. Board Member Thomas suggested that perhaps the Board should have a special meeting between now and July 18th to plan for the July 18th deadline. RMP has decided to not sign the Utility Agreement until the Public Service Commission approves the Program.

Key takeaways from RMP testimony include that RMP has proposed that the initial program rate should raise enough money to pay for program costs for 60 months. RMP proposes that the initial Program rate should raise \$5,074,235 of expected ongoing administrative costs, including paying for a new full-time staff position at RMP at

\$154K annually. The Board position on this was laid out in Resolution 25-01 that the Board has budgeted for administration costs and agency costs for the first year. RMP has also proposed an initial program late slightly higher than what the Board adopted ad a position. The RMP rate is higher probably due to the additional years of administration costs that they want the URC program to front load. RMP assumes the Program will only acquire 120 megawatts of solar by 2030 (assuming a net-cost of solar at \$10 per megawatt hour). Whereas the Board's estimate assumed 600 MW of solar. RMP has also said that "the company will provide an estimate of the value using the methodology established for Electric Service Schedule No. 38." The Board's position is that program valuation should be consistent with RMP's own resource procurement process and with any deviations clearly explained.

The Program Design team has been working with the Agency's attorney and technical consultant to send data requests to RMP, including asking for details on the valuation mechanics RMP intends to use. It is impossible for the Agency to evaluate whether they support or oppose RMP's proposed resource valuation method until we see more details.

The Public Service Commission has issued a scheduling order and Agency testimony is due July 18th. The Office and Division asked for 12 weeks from the date of the Agency testimony to respond with testimony. There will be an in-person hearing on December 16th at the Heber Wells building in SLC. Board Member Quinn asked if Mr. Thomas has been able to review the potential effect the federal budget bill will have on the Agency's efforts. Mr. Thomas said it would phase out clean energy tax credits with some allowances for projects that have started construction. Board Member Emily Quinton said that the Agency attorney highlighted some items that the Board may want to expand on which may mean scheduling a Special meeting for next week.

2.4 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2.5 Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 25-07; Resolution of the Board Authorizing Additional Appointments to the Communication Committee Chair Dugan said that this resolution would add Midvale to the Communication Committee. Board Member Erinn Summers said Midvale is excited to join the Communication Committee.

Board Member Armstrong moved to approve Resolution 25-07; Resolution of the Board Authorizing Additional Appointments to the Communications Committee, Board Member Jackson seconded the motion. Chair Dugan asked for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

2.6 Board Member Comments

Board Member Cheri Jackson thanked Christopher Thomas for the hard work that he has done for many years on the Board. Board Member Summers also thanked Mr. Thomas for all his hard work in helping Midvale join the Board. Chair Dugan commended Mr. Thomas for his hard work for so many years to get the Agency to the point it is at.

2.7 Closed Session if Needed

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Chair Dugan asked for the motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Quinn made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Jackson seconded the motion. Chair Dugan asked for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

APPROVED: ______ Date Dan Dugan, Chair

ATTEST:

Emily Quinton, Secretary