

Community Renewable Energy Agency Board Meeting Minutes

The Community Renewable Energy Agency Board met in a regular public meeting on **Monday, June 1, 2026**, 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, *Salt Lake City*
Emily Quinton, *Summit County*
David Brems, *Emigration Canyon*
Glade Sowards, *Salt Lake City*
Drew Quinn, *Holladay*
Cheri Jackson, *Millcreek*
Dustin Gettel, *Midvale*

Electronic

Lorenzo Long, *Ogden*
Dave Graf, *Ogden*
Molly Miller, *Park City*
Chris Cawley, *Alta*
Randy Aton, *Springdale*
Melodie McCandless, *Grand County*
Luke Cartin, *Park City*
Alexi Lamm, *Moab*
Kyla Topham, *Springdale*
Holly Smith, *Holladay*
Emily Paskett, *Salt Lake County*

In Person Attendees: Kurt Hansen, *Millcreek*; Alex Wendt, *Millcreek*; Monica O'Malley, *Salt Lake City*; Samantha Pensari, *Stewardship Utah*; Jeanne Evenden, *Ogden resident*

Electronic Attendees: Brenda Salter, *Division of Public Utilities*; Steve Burton, *Ogden staff*; Sophia Nicholas, *Salt Lake City*

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

1.3 Update on Ordinance Adoption Process

Secretary Quinton reviewed the communities that have adopted the ordinance: Springdale, Summit County, Salt Lake City, Emigration Canyon, Moab, Park City, Ogden, Alta, Francis, Salt Lake County, Grand County, Castle Valley, Holladay, Millcreek, and Oakley have voted yes. Kearns, Coalville, and Cottonwood Heights voted no. Midvale has not voted yet.

1.4 Moving July meeting to July 13, 2026

Chair Dugan said that the consensus was to move the meeting away from July 6th to accommodate the July 4th holiday. Mayor Jackson asked the Millcreek Deputy Recorder to check on room availability for July 13th, 2026.

2. Business Matters

2.1 Approval of May 4, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

Board Member Gettel, moved to approve May 4, 2026, 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).

Secretary Quinton explained that the only change from last month is one invoice paid for legal and technical services.

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

Board Member Cawley thanked Kurt for adding communication slides to the meeting on short notice and apologized that materials were not included in the board packet, and thanked Emily Quinton and Sophia Nicholas for last month's communications update. One committee meeting was held in May. Staff continued working closely with Rocky Mountain Power on communications materials and customer service planning for the program. The new website launched around April 30 and is now the primary public information source, supporting board members and elected officials as they field constituent questions. Social media content was also produced, and the FAQ and website continue to be updated as the ordinance adoption process progresses.

Board Member Cawley noted that the May 28 meeting included lengthy discussion of community questions and concerns. These included whether the program amounts to greenwashing for Rocky Mountain Power, which he clarified it does not, and whether interest in the Box Elder County data center project may be shaping public perception given regional energy demand. Concerns about the program's opt out structure were also raised; this structure is in place per statute. Increased attention from constituents, elected officials, and media has been expected as communities move through ordinance adoption. Board Member Cawley highlighted new website content, including eligible community ordinance decisions and an expanded FAQ section, and asked members to direct constituent questions there. He also shared recent social media carousel graphics highlighting newly adopting communities such as Alta, Francis, and Springville.

Board Member Cawley reminded the board that the coalition is entering a new phase with Rocky Mountain Power regarding branding. The legislatively authorized program is

formally called the Community Clean Energy Program, while the coalition operates under the Utah Renewable Communities brand. Discussions with the utility in the coming weeks will address whether to maintain both names or consolidate, balancing existing brand recognition with overall program effectiveness. He reiterated the requirement to coordinate with Rocky Mountain Power on review of news releases and public materials, noting that the utility has reviewed community materials quickly to date. Members were encouraged to reach out to staff for help coordinating local press materials.

Looking ahead, Board Member Cawley noted additional assets are in development, including a community engagement flyer and printable sticker graphics to promote the program. June 2 marks the end of the ordinance adoption phase, after which the coalition will move toward program launch with a finalized list of participating communities, another key communications milestone. Additional assets will be developed with Penna Powers. The committee plans to hold two communications meetings monthly, tentatively on the second and fourth Thursdays. Board Member Cawley closed by thanking members for relaying constituent feedback, which helps guide program messaging and support going forward.

Monica O'Malley, Salt Lake City staff, gave the update for the Low-Income Plan Committee. The Committee received clarification from the Program Design Committee regarding the noticing and opt out process, which is important to understand when thinking about how to implement outreach in each community's Plan for Low-Income Assistance. These Plans were submitted along with the Program Application and include outreach strategies that the Committee will lead, some that will occur regionally, and some that must be completed by individual communities.

Board Member Glade Sowards gave the update from the Program Design Committee. Representatives from the Committee attended six implementation and customer service planning meetings with Rocky Mountain Power in May. Members of the Committee supported Millcreek, Kearns, Salt Lake County, Coalville, Cottonwood Heights, Francis, Castle Valley, and Oakley with ordinance adoption consideration.

Last month, the board was sent a list of updated FAQs which have recently been updated and/or added to. One common question that the Board receives is where the clean energy projects will be built. They can be built in Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming.

Mr. Sowards said ongoing implementation calls with Rocky Mountain Power / PacifiCorp include discussions about the startup cost agreement, press release and communications reviews, clarification on the low-income surcharge, schedule 100 tariff sheet revisions, notice letter revisions, rate collection prep and planning, resource valuation methodology and re-evaluation, program accounting and escrow accounts for administrative and resource reserves, Public Service Commission order interpretation, and program branding.

The URC is exploring sustainable finance and philanthropic funding pathways for agency costs, administrative reserve, and resource reserve.

The last ordinance adoption will be held on Midvale on June 2nd. The Committee will continue to participate in regular implementation meetings, customer service meetings, and additional topical meetings with RMP to work towards program implementation.

Board member Brems asked what the opposition in Cottonwood Heights, Coalville, and Kearns was based around. Chair Dugan said that most concerns were about the opt-out structure and the program rate.

2.4 Public Comment

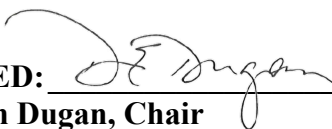
Ogden resident Jeanne Evenden said that it has been great to meet in person for the first time. She thanked the Board for their hard work. Samantha Pensari, from Stewardship Utah thanked the Board for their hard work.

2.5 Board Member Comments

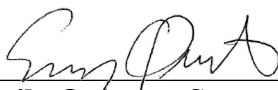
Board Member Quinton said that as the Agency enters this new phase post-ordinance adoption period, nothing fundamentally changes with the board, so monthly meetings will continue. Board Members Gettel and Jackson thanked Coalville, Kearns, and Cottonwood Heights for their participation over the years.

3. Adjournment

Board Member Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Quinn seconded the motion. Chair Dugan called for the vote. All Board Members voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

APPROVED:  Date 7/29/26
Dan Dugan, Chair

ATTEST:


Emily Quinton, Secretary