

ITEM 5A

**Desert Community Energy Board
Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2020
11:00 am**



**CVAG (Zoom meeting)
73710 Fred Waring Drive #200
Palm Desert, CA 92260
760-346-1127**

The audio file for this meeting can be found at: <http://www.desertcommunityenergy.org>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the DCE Board was called to order by Chair Geoff Kors at 11:00am via Zoom meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Members Present

Councilmember Sabby Jonathan
Mayor Geoff Kors
Mayor John Aguilar

Agency

City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Cathedral City

DCE Staff & Consultants

Tom Kirk
Katie Barrows
Benjamin Druyon
Joanna Stueckle
Valdemar Galeana
Erica Felci
Beverly Newton
Brian Rix
Jeff Fuller
Jaclynn Harr
Ryan Belgram
Byron Vosburg
Don Dame

BurkeRix
The Energy Authority
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The Energy Authority
Consultant

Others Present:

Charlie McClendon
David Freedman
Lani Miller
Shelley Kaplan
Kim Floyd
Daniel Paris

City of Cathedral City
Community Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee
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Community Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

Noel Loughrin
Patrick Tallarico
Rita Lamb
Russel Betts

Community Advisory Committee
City of Palm Springs
Cathedral City Councilmember
Desert Hot Springs Councilmember

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** – There were no public comments made.
4. **BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS** – The chair recognized and thanked DCE staff for their continued work in keeping things running and recognized and thanked the DCE Community Advisory Committee members for their outstanding efforts and support with the CARE/FERA enhanced enrollment program.
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - A. **Approve Minutes from Board Meetings of April 20th, 2020.**

IT WAS MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER SABBY JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR AGUILAR TO APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 20TH, 2020.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Vice Chair Aguilar	Aye
Board member Jonathan	Aye
Chair Kors	Aye

- B. **Approve Task Order 4 with The Energy Authority for Preparation of the Desert Community Energy 2020 Integrated Resource Plan.**

Vice Chair Aguilar asked for clarification on local resource options that DCE could acquire in the Integrated Resource Plan. Board Member Jonathan asked if the not to exceed amount of \$50,000 was fair and reasonable. Katie Barrows provided clarification.

IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER JONATHAN TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR CHAIR TO SIGN TASK ORDER 4 WITH THE ENERGY AUTHORITY FOR PREPARATION OF THE 2020 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Vice Chair Aguilar	Aye
Board member Jonathan	Aye
Chair Kors	Aye

6. **DISCUSSION / ACTION**

- A. **DCE Program Launch and Activities Update.**

THIS ITEM WAS INFORMATIONAL ONLY.

- B. **Update Selected 100% Carbon Free Generation Rates for Desert Community Energy.**

IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER JONATHAN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2020-04 APPROVING AN UPDATED DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY RETAIL GENERATION RATE SCHEDULE FOR SELECTED 100% CARBON FREE RATES, EFFECTIVE APRIL 13, 2020.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Vice Chair Aguilar	Aye
Board member Jonathan	Aye
Chair Kors	Aye

C. Desert Community Energy Long Term Renewable Request for Offers.

IT WAS MOVED BY BOARD MEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR AGUILAR TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF DCE'S 2020 LONG TERM RENEWABLE REQUEST FOR OFFERS (RFO) AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO MAKE NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE RFO IN CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL AND MODIFY THE SCHEDULE AS NECESSARY.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Vice Chair Aguilar	Aye
Board member Jonathan	Aye
Chair Kors	Aye

D. Desert Community Energy Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Review.

THIS ITEM WAS FOR REVIEW ONLY.

7. INFORMATION

- A. Attendance Record**
- B. Utility Discount (CARE/FERA) Program Update**
- C. Unaudited Financial Report**
- D. Expenditures Reimbursed to CVAG for period ending June 30, 2019**

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Shelley Kaplan of Cathedral City asked if there was any recent activity with CalCCA regarding the Power Cost Indifference Charge (PCIA) and if staff could share that information. Katie Barrows indicated that CalCCA is very active on this subject and that DCE is a part of those ongoing conversations.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next DCE Board meeting will be June 15th, 2020 at 2:30pm via Zoom.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin Druyon