

## **ITEM 5A**

**Desert Community Energy Board  
Meeting Minutes  
July 20, 2020  
2:30 pm**



**Held via Zoom videoconference**

*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, City of Palm Springs, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom meeting, which was pursuant to Gov. Newsom's executive order governing how meetings are held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

#### **Members Present**

Mayor Pro Tem Kathleen Kelly  
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  
Libby Carlson  
Oscar Vizcarra  
Valdemar Galeana  
Erica Felci  
Brian Rix  
Jeff Fuller  
Jaclyn Harr  
Byron Vosburg  
Ryan Belgram  
Don Dame

Burke Rix Communications  
The Energy Authority  
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The Energy Authority  
Consultant

#### **Others Present**

Kari H'Orvath  
Cindy Corrales  
Charlie McClendon  
David Freedman  
Noel Loughrin  
Shelley Kaplan  
Kim Floyd  
Patrick Tallarico  
Ryan Stendell  
Chris Clarke

GRID Alternatives  
GRID Alternatives  
City of Cathedral City  
Community Advisory Committee  
Community Advisory Committee  
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Community Advisory Committee  
City of Palm Springs  
City of Palm Desert  
National Parks Conservation Association

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Chris Clarke of the National Parks Conservation Association addressed the Board on Item 6B, AB 1720 and related environmental considerations.

**4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

There were no comments made.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Approve Minutes from Board Meetings of June 15, 2020.**

**IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM KELLY TO APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2020.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.**

Vice Chair Aguilar	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Kelly	Aye
Chair Kors	Aye

**B. 1) Approve Amendment #1 to the Consulting Services Contract between DCE and Burke Rix Communications to provide ongoing outreach and website support for Desert Community Energy, for an additional amount not to exceed \$60,000 and; 2) Authorize Executive Director to execute any and all necessary contracts to fulfill marketing and outreach tasks for this contract.**

**IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM KELLY TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN DCE AND BURKE RIX COMMUNICATIONS AS RECOMMENDED, PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL NOT-TO-EXCEED \$60,000.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.**

Vice Chair Aguilar	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Kelly	Aye
Chair Kors	Aye

**6. DISCUSSION / ACTION**

**A. GRID Alternatives Presentation**

Representatives from GRID Alternatives provided an overview of their work in the Coachella Valley, opportunities for collaboration with DCE and available funding. Member discussion ensued.

No action was taken on this informational item.

**B. Desert Community Energy Long Term Renewable Request for Offers**

Jaclyn Harr with The Energy Authority presented the Board with an overview of the process used to review and evaluate proposals and outlined a recommended short list. Member discussion ensued.

**IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM KELLY TO APPROVE FINAL SHORTLIST OF SELECTED RESPONDENTS TO A REQUEST FOR OFFERS (RFO) AND AUTHORIZE DCE/TEA STAFF TO PROCEED WITH CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY'S LONG TERM RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENTS WITH FINAL CONTRACTS TO BE APPROVED BY DCE BOARD AT A FUTURE MEETING.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.**

<b>Vice Chair Aguilar</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Pro Tem Kelly</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Chair Kors</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**C. Industry Update.**

Jeff Fuller of The Energy Authority provided an update. No action was taken.

**D. Legislative Update.**

Katie Barrows presented an update on legislative items of interest. No action was taken.

**7. INFORMATION**

- A. Attendance Record**
- B. DCE Program Launch and Activities Updates**
- C. Emergency Customer Protections due to COVID-19**
- D. Unaudited Financial Report**

These items were placed on the agenda for the Board's information.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public comments made on non-agenda items.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next DCE Board meeting will be August 17, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**10. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Benjamin Druyon