

Desert Community Energy Board
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 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 Cathedral City, 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

Councilmember Sabby Jonathan
Mayor Geoff Kors, Chair
Mayor John Aguilar, Vice Chair

Agency

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

DCE Staff & Consultants

Katie Barrows
Benjamin Druyon
Joanna Stueckle
Valdemar Galeana
Erica Felci
Trisha Stull
Jaclyn Harr
Colin Cameron
Jeff Fuller
Don Dame

The Energy Authority
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DCE Consultant

Others Present

Lisa Middleton
Russell Betts
David Freedman
Shelley Kaplan
Kim Floyd
Patrick Tallarico

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

David Freedman commented on agenda Item 5B, and expressed support for the development and implementation of a web-based bill comparison tool.

Kim Floyd commented on agenda Item 5B, and expressed support the development and implementation of a web-based bill comparison tool. Mr. Floyd also said he supported a DCE letter regarding the PCIA, as outlined in Item 5D.

4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Councilmember Jonathan asked why the City of Desert Hot Springs was still listed as a non-voting member in the roster, despite no current participation in DCE. Katie Barrows said future rosters would remove the City of Desert Hot Springs as a non-voting member of DCE.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 5B and 5D were pulled from the consent calendar for questions and comments.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY MAYOR AGUILAR TO:

A. Approve Minutes from Board Meeting of September 21, 2020

C. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Task Order 4 with the Energy Authority, authorizing additional work on the 2020 Integrated Resource Plan, as required by the California Public Utilities Commission, for an amount not to exceed \$5,000

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Mayor Aguilar	Aye
Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Mayor Kors	Aye

The Board then addressed the items that were pulled from the consent calendar.

B. Authorize the Executive Director to sign a Client Ad-Hoc Request Agreement with Calpine Energy Solution to develop and implement a web-based bill comparison tool for a not-to-exceed amount of \$28,000, and authorize the Executive Director and/or Legal Counsel to make clarifying changes prior to execution

A brief discussion was held among members about the timing, and Ms. Barrows indicated the tool would be finalized in December.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN A CLIENT AD-HOC REQUEST AGREEMENT WITH CALPINE ENERGY SOLUTION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A WEB-BASED BILL COMPARISON TOOL FOR A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$28,000, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE CLARIFYING CAHNGES PRIOR TO EXECUTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Mayor Aguilar	Aye
Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Mayor Kors	Aye

D. Authorize the DCE Chair and/or Executive Director to sign letters of support for CalCCA's request for changes to the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)

Mayor Kors said the City of Palm Springs would be voting on a similar letter as well.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN TO AUTHORIZE THE DCE CHAIR AND/OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SIGN LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR CALCCA'S REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO THE POWER CHARGE INDIFFERENCE ADJUSTMENT (PCIA).

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Mayor Aguilar	Aye
Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Mayor Kors	Aye

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Election of DCE Officers – Tom Kirk

A discussion ensued around nominations for a Desert Community Energy Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. Members noted that Mayor Kors should remain chair as the program has already launched in the City of Palm Springs. It was also recommended that Councilmember Jonathan become vice chair.

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR AGUILAR AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN TO ELECT MAYOR KORS AS CHAIR AND COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AS VICE CHAIR OF DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY'S BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Mayor Aguilar	Aye
Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Mayor Kors	Aye

B. Update on Recent Power Market Events and Impact on DCE – Jaclyn Harr, The Energy Authority

Colin Cameron of The Energy Authority gave the presentation, which included an update on recent energy costs and forecasted costs.

No action was taken.

C. Revenue Stabilization Mechanisms – Don Dame, DCE Energy Consultant

Mr. Dame gave an overview of revenue stabilization tools and mechanisms. Member discussion ensued. The Board provided direction to staff to return at a later meeting with a detailed policy for consideration.

D. Update on DCE Post-Launch Activities – Katie Barrows

Ms. Barrows gave an update on DCE's post-launch activities in the City of Palm Springs, and updated the Board on the most recent Community Advisory Committee meeting.

No action was taken.

7. INFORMATION

- A. Attendance Record**
- B. Unaudited Financial Report**
- C. Executive Director Spending Authority**

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

The next regular DCE meeting will be November 16, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Stull