

Desert Community Energy Board
Meeting Minutes
December 21, 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 2:31 p.m. via Zoom videoconferencing, 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 Geoff Kors, Chair
Mayor Raymond Gregory
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Vice Chair

Agency

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

DCE Staff & Consultants

Katie Barrows
Valdemar Galeana
Erica Felci
Trisha Stull
Oscar Vizcarra
Joanna Stueckle
Claude Kilgore
Jaclyn Harr
Don Dame

The Energy Authority
DCE Consultant

Others Present

Don Vawter
David Freedman
Shelley Kaplan
Kim Floyd
Councilmember Rita Lamb
Charlie McClendon
Alan Pace

Terra-Gen, LLC
Community Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee
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City of Cathedral City
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3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Shelley Kaplan, resident of Cathedral City, commented on Item 5B. Mr. Kaplan stated that he hoped Cathedral City would reconsider its withdrawal and hold another study session. David Freedman, of the Community Advisory Committee, commented on Item 6A. Mr. Freedman stated that the CAC members supported the Terra-Gen, LLC PPAs and urged the Board to approve the resolution.

4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Mayor Gregory introduced himself as the DCE representative for the City of Cathedral City.

Councilmember Kors highlighted the positive impacts that DCE has had since its launch. Councilmember Jonathan asked for a copy of the PowerPoint slides to share with his jurisdiction.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve Minutes from Board Meeting of November 16, 2020

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2020.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES AND 1 ABSTAIN.

Mayor Gregory	Abstain
Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Councilmember Kors	Aye

B. Cathedral City Withdrawal from DCE

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY MAYOR GREGORY TO APPROVE CATHEDRAL CITY’S WITHDRAWAL FROM DCE.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Mayor Gregory	Aye
Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Councilmember Kors	Aye

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. DCE Long Term Renewable Energy Procurement – Jaclyn Harr, The Energy Authority

Jaclyn Harr, of The Energy Authority, presented the staff report and explained the three, 15-year power purchase agreements negotiated with Terra-Gen, LLC. Member discussion ensued. Ms. Harr and Don Vawter, of Terra-Gen, LLC, addressed questions from the Board.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS AND SECONDED BY MAYOR GREGORY TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2020-09, APPROVING THREE 15-YEAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS WITH TERRA-GEN, LLC, AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND/OR LEGAL COUNSEL TO MAKE MINOR MODIFICATIONS BEFORE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENTS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Mayor Gregory	Aye
Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Councilmember Kors	Aye

B. December 2020 DCE Rate Adjustment Update – Don Dame, DCE Energy Consultant

Don Dame, DCE Energy Consultant, gave an update on the new DCE Rate Adjustment mechanism that was approved in November. Member discussion ensued.

No action was taken on this informational item.

C. Recap of 2020 DCE Program Activities – Katie Barrows

Katie Barrows presented the staff report, including providing a summary of the activities of DCE in 2020 and previewing upcoming activities and opportunities. Member discussion ensued.

No action was taken on this informational item.

7. INFORMATION

A. Attendance Record

B. Board Meeting Dates – 2021

C. Utility Discount (CARE/FERA) Program Update

D. Unaudited Financial Report for July 1 to November 30, 2020

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

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments were made on non-agenda items.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next DCE meeting will be held January 25, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom videoconference.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Stull