

Desert Community Energy Board
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2021
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

Tom Kirk
Katie Barrows
Benjamin Druyon
Valdemar Galeana
Trisha Stull
Erica Felci
Joanna Stueckle
Claude Kilgore
Jaclyn Harr

The Energy Authority

Others Present

Beth Vaughan
Leora Vestel
David Freedman
Charlie McClendon
Patrick Tallarico
Representative of the Climate Action
Campaign

CalCCA
CalCCA
Community Advisory Committee
City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Springs

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Chair Kors, Councilmember Jonathan and Ms. Barrows thanked Mayor Gregory and the City of Cathedral City for their service on the DCE Board. Mayor Gregory offered his support for DCE's continued success.

Chair Kors highlighted a report showing Palm Springs' greenhouse gas reductions, which surpassed their 2020 goals in large part due to the City's participation in DCE. Chair Kors thanked the Palm Springs community for their participation in DCE and thanked the DCE Board and staff for the work on the program.

Ms. Barrows announced that CVAG's General Assembly would meet on Monday, June 28 at 6 p.m. via Zoom, and that the CVAG Executive Committee would meet Monday, June 28 at 4 p.m. via Zoom.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Approve Minutes from Board Meeting of April 19, 2021
- B. Amend DCE Policy #18-11, the Delinquent Accounts, Collections and Bad Debt Policy, and set a reserve at 3 percent of revenues
- C. Approve continued participation as an operational member in the California Community Choice Association as part of the annual membership review by the DCE Board of Directors

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR GREGORY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

Mayor Gregory	Aye
Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Councilmember Kors	Aye

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

- A. **Presentation: Statewide Perspectives on Community Choice** – Beth Vaughan, CalCCA Executive Director

Beth Vaughan, CalCCA Executive Director, shared an overview of CalCCA and the statewide efforts to support community choice programs. This included the organization's areas of key focus, history, energy procurement and programs.

There was no action taken as this was an information item.

- B. **DCE's Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget** – Valdemar Galeana

Mr. Galeana provided an overview of the DCE budget, including rate-setting goals and other budgetary considerations.

Member discussion ensued. Councilmember Jonathan requested the Board discuss the allocation of DCE expenses, as it pertains to the City of Palm Springs and DCE overall, at the next meeting. Mayor Gregory announced he would abstain from voting on the budget because the City will not be members in the upcoming fiscal year.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY CHAIR KORS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021-03 APPROVING DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY'S FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 BUDGET.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES AND 1 ABSTAIN.

Mayor Gregory	Abstain
Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Councilmember Kors	Aye

C. DCE's 2021 Summer Readiness Outreach Strategy – Ben Druyon

Mr. Druyon described the State's focus on having summer readiness plans and shared DCE's community engagement strategy, which includes sharing Flex Alert information through social media and website posts and videos. Jaclyn Harr, TEA consultant, shared how DCE's energy procurement will ensure DCE is ready for summer.

Brief member discussion ensued. No action was taken as this was an information item.

7. INFORMATION

The following items were put in the agenda packet for members' information :

- A. Attendance Record**
- B. Update on DCE Program Activities**
- C. Legislative Update**
- D. Spotlight on Renewable Energy Development in City of Palm Springs**
- E. Unaudited Financial Report for July 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021**
- F. Member Survey on CVAG Meetings in Post-COVID Environment**
- G. Meeting Calendar for Fiscal Year 2021/2022**
- H. Selection of Independent Auditor for CVAG, CVCC and DCE**
- I. Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Procurement Plan**

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next DCE meeting will be held July 19, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. either via Zoom webinar or in-person.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Stull