

ITEM 5A

**Desert Community Energy Board
Meeting Minutes
November 29, 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 2:30 p.m. via Zoom videoconferencing, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Members Present

Councilmember Geoff Kors, Chair
Councilmember Sabby Jonathan, Vice Chair

Agency

City of Palm Springs
City of Palm Desert

DCE Staff & Consultants

Tom Kirk
Katie Barrows
Erica Felci
Claude Kilgore
Emmanuel Martinez
Jennifer Nelson
Beverly Newton
Peter Satin
Josh Zipperman
Brian Rix
Jeff Fuller
Jaclyn Harr
Chris Weber
Don Dame

Burke Rix Communications
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The Energy Authority
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DCE Consultant

Others Present

Casey Dailey
David Freedman
Kim Floyd
Patrick Tallarico
Erin Rode

WRCOG
Community Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee
City of Palm Springs
The Desert Sun

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Jonathan pulled item 5C for discussion.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS TO:

- A. Approve Minutes from Board Meeting of October 18, 2021**
- B. Affirm the findings still exist, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, and authorize continuation of remote teleconference/virtual meetings of Desert Community Energy**
- D. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the DCE Joint Powers Agreement**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES.

Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Councilmember Kors	Aye

5.1 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- C. Approve Amendment #2 to the Services Contract with Burke Rix Communications to provide ongoing outreach and website support for an additional amount not to exceed \$94,000 and authorize the Chair and/or the Executive Director to execute any and all necessary agreements to fulfill the related marketing and outreach tasks**

In response to Councilmember Jonathan's request, Katie Barrows said more information demonstrating the highlights and benefits of DCE, including highlights from public outreach efforts, would be made available within the next few weeks.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS TO APPROVE AMENDMENT #2 TO THE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BURKE RIX COMMUNICATIONS TO PROVIDE ONGOING OUTREACH AND WEBSITE SUPPORT FOR AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$94,000 AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND/OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY AGREEMENTS TO FULFILL THE RELATED MARKETING AND OUTREACH TASKS.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES.

Councilmember Jonathan	Aye
Councilmember Kors	Aye

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

- A. Launch of the Inland Empire Regional Energy Network – Tom Kirk**

Tom Kirk, gave an update on the progress of the Inland Empire Regional Energy Network (I-REN), including the California Public Utilities Commission's approval of the business plan. Mr. Kirk also announced that David Freedman would be a CVAG employee starting in January 2022.

Casey Dailey from Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) provided a presentation on the background of I-REN, what the coalition is working to accomplish, how it is funded and the next steps in the implementation plan. Mr. Kirk and Mr. Dailey answered member questions, including the governing structure and coordination with DCE.

This was an information item and no action was taken.

B. DCE's Financial Outlook and Carbon Free Premium Update – Jaclyn Harr, The Energy

Jaclyn Harr of The Energy Authority provided an update on the 2022 financial outlook, energy market and other conditions that may impact DCE's rates and budget. Brief member discussion ensued with Councilmember Jonathan requesting a monthly break down of anticipated revenue for 2022.

This was an information item and no vote was taken.

7. INFORMATION

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

A. Attendance Record

B. Unaudited Financial Report for July 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021

8. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

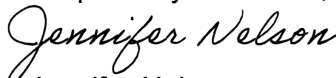
9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next DCE meeting will be held January 10, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Nelson

Executive Assistant/Clerk