

ITEM 6A

**Desert Community Energy Board
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2022**



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 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
Mayor Pro Tem Sabby Jonathan, Vice Chair

Agency

City of Palm Springs
City of Palm Desert

3. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS (IF ANY)

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

5. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Executive Director Tom Kirk highlighted a recent Desert Sun news article about a start-up company that chose Palm Springs because of DCE and the availability of Carbon Free electricity. Mr. Kirk also noted a recent memo he sent to the Board that compared the percentage of enrollment SCE has with its Green Product to DCE with its Carbon Free product. Finally, Mr. Kirk noted a recent analysis that DCE will release with its Power Content Label that shows the significant GHG reductions in 2021, which were the equivalent of taking nearly 23,000 cars off the road.

Chair Kors extended his appreciation to DCE staff for their work to implement policies. The Chair also noted previous Board discussions about a business recognition program and asked that the Board revisit how to promote the Carbon Free product among businesses and tourists.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY CHAIR KORS TO:

- A. Approve Minutes from the September 28, 2022 Board Meeting
- B. Reaffirm that findings still exist, pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, and authorize continuation of remote teleconference/virtual meetings of Desert Community Energy

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES.

Mayor Pro Tem Jonathan Councilmember Kors	Aye Aye
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7. DISCUSSION / ACTION

- A. DCE's 2022 Integrated Resource Plan – David Freedman

Program Manager David Freedman presented the staff report and highlights of the Integrated Resource Plan. Brief member discussion ensued.

IT WAS MOVED BY VICE CHAIR JONATHAN AND SECONDED BY CHAIR KORS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-09 APPROVING THE DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY 2022 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO MAKE ANY CLARIFYING CHANGES AND COMPLETE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES.

Mayor Pro Tem Jonathan Councilmember Kors	Aye Aye
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- B. DCE Financial Outlook – Jaclyn Harr

Jaclyn Harr of The Energy Authority (TEA) provided the financial outlook, including the recent heatwave's impact on rates. Member discussion ensued. To address Vice Chair Jonathan's question, staff outlined plans about how DCE is building reserve while addressing the outstanding line of credit.

There was no action taken on this informational item.

- C. October 2022 Rate Adjustment Summary – Don Dame

DCE consultant Don Dame provided the staff report. Member discussion ensued.

There was no action taken on this informational item.

8. INFORMATION

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

A. Attendance Record

B. Unaudited Financial Report as of August 31, 2022

C. Unaudited Year-to-Year Financial Report as of August 31, 2022

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Palm Springs resident Don Barrett stated he found a recent DCE update on a geothermal project insightful and suggested DCE highlight the impact it is having by spotlighting development of renewable energy projects like these.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next DCE meeting will be held November 21, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

It was noted that this is the week of Thanksgiving and that an alternate date may be needed. Vice Chair Jonathan also noted the request made at the September meeting to have information on how DCE Board members are appointed.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Kors adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Felci, Assistant Executive Director