



*Mission: 4CORE serves Southwest Colorado as the leading resource for the effective and efficient use of energy to promote and sustain our vibrant local communities.*

**FOUR CORNERS OFFICE for RESOURCE EFFICIENCY BOARD MEETING**

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2016 3:00pm – 5:00 pm (2 hours)

Location: Durango Carnegie Library Conference Room

**BOARD AGENDA**

**Location:**

Carnegie Building  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Durango, CO 81301

**Board Members Present:**

Laura Moorefield  
Paul Senecal  
Kurt Schneider  
Heather Erb  
Mark McKibben  
Werner Heiber  
Mary Beth Miles  
Jack Turner

**4CORE Staff Present:**

Laurie Dickson

**Advisors Present:**

Nancy Andrews

**Guests Present:**

None

**Absent:**

Robin Duffy-Wirth

**CALL TO ORDER (Chair)**

- Werner Heiber, Chair, calls meeting to order at 3:05 pm
- Introduction of guest: Sam King. Was with BP where he worked on solar development; now doing sales for Powerfuel. Laurie invited him because of overlap with Alt Fuels event and to discuss new DOE grant.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Approval of May 19, 2016 minutes. Heather moves, Nancy seconds to approve meeting minutes. Mary Beth abstains. Motion passes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Financial Update (Kurt Schneider, Treasurer)
  - Cash \$59,735 at end of May
  - \$2,500 earmarked for SW Horizons from Ballentine
  - No payables, A/R
  - Kurt estimates an \$8,000 - \$8,500 monthly burn rate

- Revenue from Solarize Archuleta not in budget; could be approx. \$1,000 but TBD
- Budget amendments for July meeting
  - update LPEA funding
  - ensure \$5,000 from City for upgraded incentives is reflected properly
- Program updates (Laurie Dickson, Program Director)
  - LPEA—awarded 4CORE a 25,000 grant from voluntary green power fund
    - For solar equipment for Habitat and SW Horizons, for solar barn raising
    - \$10,000 additional if community match
    - Already have \$3K toward match
    - This funding does not cover general operating funds
  - Alt Fuel events in Telluride and Durango
    - Generated lots of interest and got good feedback
    - Laurie: finished reporting for ReFuel program cycle, funding should continue through 2017
    - Jack: resulted in some alt fuel conversations about LPEA fleet
  - Open House
    - Great turnout/event
  - Solar Barn Raising
    - \$500 from Stone Age
    - Waiting to hear from First National Bank
  - Solarize Archuleta
    - Should have 13 installations; goal was 30
    - 130 interested, 82 leads provided to 4 different contractors
  - DOE EERE grant opportunity
    - Vehicle Technologies Multi-topic Funding
    - A small number of \$3-5 Million grants will be awarded, require matching funds
    - Highly competitive but not sure of competitors
    - Area of interest relevant to 4CORE: Alt Fuel Vehicle community partner projects
    - Need short concept paper prior to application, due July 6
    - Idea is to propose CNG fueling stations that would also be designed for EV charging from the grid
    - Complete application due late August
    - Sam King has worked on similar topics
    - Sparks stations, CNG could feed into these systems
    - Would cover San Juan basin
    - Werner: suggest emphasizing benefits to our area
    - Laura: wants to ensure there would be non-fossil fuel element of our proposal
    - Heather motions to approve finishing concept paper, Paul seconds. Passes unanimously.
  - Energy Outreach Colorado (non-profit created by Colorado Energy Office)
    - Laurie met with Andy, ED, and Luke, PM
      - Want to meet with 4CORE and potential program partners (LPEA, San Miguel, etc.)

- Looking for sub-grantees for CEO grant—\$30 – 70K
- 4CORE seems to them like most likely implementer for weatherization/rebate project in this area
- More robust than HomeRx, expect it to be long term
- Low-income program, Energy Outreach would screen participants
- No application deadline
- EcoAction from Telluride is a partner
- Werner: continue working on this, no motion required, doesn't want Laurie spread too thin
- Solar Home Tour
  - Elsa leading. Reaching out to contractors, builders, etc. to bring back tour on October 8, two weeks after Parade of Homes. Laurie reached out for partnering opportunities.
  - Good event to put our name out in community. Can charge and become fundraising event.
  - Jack: solar home tour in Boulder became competition among participants
  - Paul started solar home tours here
- Regional Energy Think Tank group
  - Idea is to create a group to meet quarterly meeting about resource efficiency and future goals for region
  - 4CORE could facilitate; Jack will lead meeting organization
  - Laurie proposed to start this Fall 2016
- Water Conservation—no update
- Laurie continues to look for funding for education
- SWCCOG update and discussion of SWCCOG Board Meeting- June 3, 2016
  - Werner: understood that SWCCOG meeting didn't go well
  - Laurie: had researched what it means for a non-profit to go under a COG, spoke with regional COGs. No one gave her the impression that this was a good model except for ECC model.
  - Laurie: felt that a separate non-profit with own governing board would be better than 4CORE becoming a department of the COG
    - This idea was not well-received by COG
  - Laurie: out of bandwidth to continue working on COG given other programmatic commitments
  - Resolution passed at that same meeting that SWCCOG would continue to investigate
  - Kurt: meeting alienated some COG members but there's no reason for this conversation not to continue
  - Werner: we are in holding pattern but need to come to completion
  - Heather: could we table COG decision until after budgets are prepared?
  - Mark: Spoke with Joe Kirby. COG/4CORE meeting caught Joe off-guard. County was looking at it as opportunity to continue funding 4CORE, but more efficiently. County funds \$250,000 for non-profits annually. In 2017, 18% revenue reduction due to oil and gas. County oil & gas revenue diminishing:
    - 2009—\$14M
    - 2010—\$17 M
    - 2017—\$4.5 M
    - 2017—First time County will garner more revenue from residential taxes than from oil & gas

- County is largest funder of COG, City is second
- County looked at “marriage” as opportunity to continue to support 4CORE
- Recommendation is to keep discussion open
- Mary Beth: City would be disheartened if COG discussions stopped. Sees opportunity to create funding efficiencies. Could Miriam attend our board meeting? Recommends moving ahead before 2017.
- Paul: the sooner the better to clear the air and start conversation again.
- Kurt: doesn’t think hurdles are insurmountable, but, per Will Neder, need local leaders to buy into mission of 4CORE, and thinks COG participation could help.
- Laurie: didn’t have the intention of stopping negotiations, but to delay it. Seemed challenging to get everyone together in the next five weeks before August budgets due. COG would not eliminate 4CORE from having to raise funds although financial need may be somewhat reduced.
- Mark: County budget cycle starts in August but is continually amended until December
- Mark: 4CORE could do normal budget and mention that we’re in process of coming under COG.
- Mary Beth motions to continue to investigative work to integrate with COG to make the transition for fiscal year 2017. Kurt seconds. Unanimously approved.
- Laurie: this is a rushed timeline and not a good idea. Would prefer to come under COG in stronger financial position.
- Kurt makes motion for someone other than staff to continue this investigation. Proposes to develop committee to investigate COG—Mark (or Susan ?), Paul, Werner and Miriam
- Laurie: only COG/4CORE personnel budgets have been prepared to date, not comprehensive
- Laurie: recommendation from Pikes Peak to consult with Mountain States (legal, financial, etc. ); requires \$750 membership/yr
  - Heather motions to allow 4CORE to use \$750 to join Mountain States. Mark seconds. Unanimously approved.
- Board of Directors Initiatives
  - Board retreat discussion
    - Date for board retreat—Thursday, July 21, 9-4:30 PM
  - Discuss possible new board members—Sam King and Patrick Cummins
  - Heather motions for Jack to serve on 4CORE board (member-at-large). Paul seconds. Unanimously passes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

**NEXT MEETING or Retreat - TO BE CONFIRMED**

- Thursday, July 21, 9-4:30 PM 2016—Location TBD

Respectfully submitted by:

Laura Moorefield, Secretary, 4CORE Board of Directors