

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
(October 22, 2015)

**Location**

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

**Board Members Present:**

Werner Heiber  
Paul Senecal  
Jack Turner  
Peter May-Ostendorp  
Kurt Schneider  
Mark McKibben  
Heather Erb joined at 3:19  
Mary Beth Miles joined at 3:19

**Absent:**

Tom Holcomb  
Laura Moorefield  
Lew Pratsch

**Guests:**

Nancy Andrews

**CALL TO ORDER** – Werner calls meeting to order at 3:07pm.

- No introductions. No guests.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Review and approval of meeting minutes.
  - **Motion:** Peter moves to approve August 26, 2015 minutes. Jack Turner approves. Unanimous approval.
  - Postponing approval on September minutes; awaiting some changes from Laura.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Financial status, Kurt Schneider
  - \$49k cash balance, plus reserves and CDs
  - To date, accounts receivable have dropped, cash accounts are around \$55k
  - CLEER has been slow in reimbursing; will no longer be administering alternate fuels funding
- Partner funding update, City of Durango and funding presentations
  - \$20,500 proposed by the City Manager, \$5,000 administration, \$15,500 in rebates/incentives
  - Werner: there was a discussion on historical contributions, the block grant, the specifics of 4CORE's proposal, etc.

- Kurt: I stated that it costs >\$7k just to run the HomeRx program, which got misinterpreted as a request for funding and was reported in the Herald
- Pete: what was the understanding of our funding request?
  - Werner: there was not a clear understanding of 4CORE's funding requests
  - Kurt: key funding partner status and giving the organization an up or down vote on whether we matter
  - Mary Beth: council is making their decisions on November 10 during study session; they vote for adoption Tuesday November 17
- La Plata County
  - \$27,900 currently in the budget with the county but have not attended sessions with commissioners
  - Mark: our leadership is sending out final versions of budgets next week, but we won't do adoption until December 6
- LPEA
  - Some LPEA board members have read the article from Saturday, and this was raised as a concern; Mike Dreyspring was pretty stunned given the level of effort being put into 4CORE right now
  - Jack Turner: I wouldn't recommend writing a letter to Mike, continue meeting face-to-face on this topic
  - Regarding Sunnyside PV effort:
    - Jack and Kurt: LPEA's board approved adjusting RECs from \$300/kW to \$100/kW; the Solar for Low Income and Solarize Archuleta projects will be grandfathered in to the original \$300/kW valuation
    - Sunnyside project and the FERC case: DMEA filed a declaratory order earlier in the year re: ability of businesses to generate local power and sell to locals; FERC has underscored that co-ops have the ability to negotiate directly with a qualifying facility, regardless of pre-existing contract w/Tri-State (as long as <30 MW)
- Herald articles
  - Mary Beth Miles was misquoted in the Herald as stating that the org. might be closing or merging with another non-profit
  - Kurt Schneider: we need to clarify that these were not actual decisions/actions, just ideas being thrown around
  - Mark: EC should send a letter to Joe Kirby who can pass that along to the commissioners to clarify the situation; important to give an update on the hiring of the program director
- Program updates, Kurt
  - Solarize Archuleta is moving forward with 4 contractors, Diane Bruck is driving this now

- HomeRx: 26 audits completed, 4 more coming soon; 8 audits outside city limits; total rebates of \$10k have already been distributed this year; Sarah does not want to do this when she comes back from maternity leave, so we need another option for the new year
- Alt Fuel: waiting for new contract to carry through September 2016; Sarah spoke w/CEO on her maternity leave; she will likely participate in the monthly conference calls
- BP: going to fund a \$5k grid study for Sunnyside substation to determine what capacity exists; LPEA thinks there's room for 3 MW on the site, but unsure how much can be transmitted vs. distributed
- EPA Environmental Justice: we now have personnel for doing the QAPP; will be one of Diane's new responsibilities
- **Motion:** Heather Erb moves to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Kurt seconds. Unanimously passes. Nancy Andrews invited to join executive session. 4:10pm
- **Motion:** Mary Beth moves to exit executive session, Mark seconds. Unanimously passes. 4:47 pm
- Nancy: why did we hire Diane?
  - Kurt: Diane is completely aware of 4CORE's situation and is comfortable with uncertain funding of nonprofits; well connected to a volunteer network
- Board development needs and elections
  - Reminder for board contributions, whatever amount
  - Kurt, Tom, Lew are coming up on their terms.
  - Lew indicated he will decline to extend.
  - Kurt will probably continue.
  - We may have 2 seats available, so we need to start examining new candidates.
  - Useful skillsets:
    - Banking sector
    - Lawyers
    - College affiliation

**CALL TO ACTION**

- IDENTIFY SKILL SETS AND NAMES FOR POTENTIAL BOARD OPENINGS
- FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATIONS WITH LPEA/MIKE D, JOE KIRBY AND COMMISSIONERS

**ADJOURNMENT** – MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:00 PM.

**Next Meeting:**

Respectfully submitted by:  
Peter May-Ostendorp, Secretary, 4CORE Board of Directors