BOARD MEETING MINUTES
(October 22, 2015)

Location
Carnegie Building
2nd 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.
   o Motion: Peter moves to approve August 26, 2015 minutes. Jack Turner approves. Unanimous approval.
   o Postponing approval on September minutes; awaiting some changes from Laura.

NEW BUSINESS
➢ Financial status, Kurt Schneider
   o $49k cash balance, plus reserves and CDs
   o To date, accounts receivable have dropped, cash accounts are around $55k
   o CLEER has been slow in reimbursing; will no longer be administering alternate fuels funding
➢ Partner funding update, City of Durango and funding presentations
   o $20,500 proposed by the City Manager, $5,000 administration, $15,500 in rebates/incentives
   o 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