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REAP BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2016

11:45 a.m.

Front Range Airport, Watkins, CO

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Regional Economic Advancement Partnership was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairman Gary Duke, who welcomed the attendees and called for introductions.

The following Board Members were present:

Charles Bayley	Wil Chase	Doug Claussen	Kristi Cranston
Gary Duke	Ivy Fischer	Michelle Gayeski	Kristina Greeno
Mark Harding	Sandra Johnson	Grider Lee	Frank Linnebur
Neal Mancuso	Terry NeSmith	Jan Pawlowski	Brad Pierce
Matt Reay	Paul Rosenberg	Glenn Rotkovich	Tom Turrell
Jeff Vogel	Becky Zierer		

Board Members not present:

Rod Bockenfeld	Glenn Conser	Cyndi Delaney	Kathy Dean
Al Holcomb	Kirk Holwell	Monica Johnson	Mike LeClair
Gary May	Dave Ruppel	Louis Salazar	Kevin Schott
Kent Vashus	Dennis Veal	Jan Yeckes	

Guests attending were:

Libbie	Adams	Adams County
Zach	Angotti	High Plains Bank
Rachel	Bacon	Adams County
Josh	Baker	Town of Bennett
Leif	Bang	Core Engineering
Yohan	Bartsch	Guest
Brianne	Bartz	Sprouthouse
Matt	Brown	Sprouthouse
Joyce	Bunz	Reap
Kathy	Denzer	ConocoPhillips
Scott	Forkas	ConocoPhillips
Chris	Haas	Core Engineering
Bob	Hastings	RE Hastings
Tom	Henley	Xcel Energy
Don	Hulse	Colorado Motor Sports Park
Jack	Keever	Reap
Cynthia	Kiyotake	Arapahoe Libraries
Grider	Lee	I-70 CoCC
Jennifer	Lien	Siemens Industry, Inc.
Josh	Liss	IREA
Kathy	Mahan	Reap
Ronny	Marshall	I-70 CoCC
Martin	Metsker	Core Engineering
Richard	Miller	Clean Energy Collective
Connie	Moos	Guaranty Bank
Jose	Rocha	Town of Bennett
Aaron	Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range

Dustin	Smith	SolarTac
Trish	Stiles	Town of Bennett
Jon	Sullivan	Sunshare
Darrell	Vanhooser	ConocoPhillips
Lori	Wisner	Adams County
Derrick	Worden	Clean Energy Collective

Approval of the January 14, 2016 Minutes

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Chairman’s Report:

Executive Director Report:

Jack asked Tom Henley with Xcel Energy to update Reap on Xcel’s 2017 Renewable Energy Standard Plan. Solar connect is a new solar cost-based program that will offer customers a choice to sign up for 100 percent solar power, and add an incremental 50 megawatt solar farm to the company’s existing 170 megawatts of solar generation. Locking in historically low natural gas prices will provide long-term predictable rates for Xcel customers. Xcel is investigating up to 1,000 megawatts of additional renewable to meet Colorado’s Renewable Energy Standard (RES) through the 2017 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan.

Guest Speakers:

Sunshare – Jon L. Sullivan, Director of Project Development

Sunshare is a Colorado company founded in 2011 and based in Denver with a satellite office in Minneapolis. Currently Sunshare has 11 existing solar gardens across the Front Range. In Colorado, there are 9 solar gardens under construction scheduled for completion in 2016. Sunshare has two solar gardens in the I-70 Corridor area; one located near DIA on East Jewell Ave. and the second North of Watkins on Imboden Road.

Clean Energy Collective – Richard Miller, Land Manager Co-Owner

Clean Energy Collective (CEC) was founded in 2009. CEC pioneered the country’s first “community-owned solar arrays. There are 34 producing solar power systems delivering power with 58 projects under construction. CEC serves customers of 26 utilities in 11 states.

Both companies sell solar power to Xcel Energy under 20 year agreements. An individual or business no longer has to have a roof top to receive the benefits of clean energy. Customers pay for participation monthly and save on their monthly energy costs from day one. There are no large upfront investments or maintenance resulting in lower energy bills for their customers.

IREA – Josh Liss, Corporate Affairs Manager

IREA’s service area stretches from Park County to the West and Arapahoe County to the East. IREA was founded in 1940 with 15 customers; they now serve over 152,000 customers. The Victory Solar Project is near Bennett at 56th Avenue and Converse Road adjacent to existing IREA infrastructure. This facility will be online by the end of 2016 and will provide enough solar energy to power every resident in Watkins, Bennett, Strasburg, Byers and Deer Trail.

SolarTAC – Dustin Smith, Director

The Solar Technology Acceleration Center is an integrated, world-class test facility where the solar industry can research, test, validate, and demonstrate solar technologies. Solar TAC's mission is to provide a demonstration facility where members can perform proprietary and collaborative research, development and demonstration activities that accelerate solar technology. Located just northwest of Front Range

Airport, the 74-acre site offers flat, graded topography and excellent insolation conditions with over 300 days of sunshine a year in one of the most progressive renewable energy states in the country. The site will include facilities for testing both photovoltaic and concentrated solar power technologies, including access to the grid.

Other Business:

The next Reap meeting will be April 14th at Front Range Airport.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.