



Meeting Minutes

Nederland Community Center
Community Center Conference Room

April 26, 2018, 7:15 P.M.

Sustainability

Advisory Board

Town of Nederland, CO

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:15

B. ROLL CALL: Melody Baumhover, Eryka Thorley, Kelly Grebe, Chris Pelletier, John (Oak Leaf Solar), Lester Karplus, Stephanie Mernick, Matthew Allegretto, Lauren Berger.

C. PRESENTATION ITEMS:

1. CU Capstone Proposal -15 Mins

1. See proposal/slideshow
2. SAB approves of their plan, Melody and Jen will help coordinate between the interns and SAB.
3. Letter signed for CU approving internship

2. Xcel MOU Draft - 10 mins

1. While SAB does want to make more changes, we recognize the time given to this project and will settle with the current verbiage. Particularly we would like to note our preference for using “climate change” and “renewable energy” (vs clean energy which can include clean coal). and other sustainability wording. Reservations on 3.6 still, but we will have to concede there.

3. Lester Karplus - introduction - 10 mins

1. Interested in working with the SAB to promote Solar projects and outreach to Town businesses. Supports our work to fight for language in the MOU, wants to help with news articles regarding RC and supportive of the Oak Leaf contract.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Oak Leaf Energy Solar - 30 mins max

1. Oak Leaf now has enough available power to take on Ned. This information was not possible to attain sooner due to Oak Leaf assessing its legal capacities. We reached out in the past, but they did not have capacity to add us, now they do.
2. This conflicts with Renewable Connect Program, but which program is “more local”? Who is more important to support? We discussed the positives of supporting Xcel’s move to renewables vs. supporting an independent multi-state small business. Feelings on the board were varied. We agreed that new, physical solar was most important.
3. Oak Leaf deal would not allow Ned to claim the RECs, how does that affect our 100% claim? We would not be able to claim 100% under Sierra Club/other standards, but we would physically be 100% and could claim that. We agreed RECs are outdated, an sinking market, and less important than actual solar energy installation and use.
4. We made a motion to recommend Town and BOT continue forward with the Oak Leaf solar purchase for up to 120% of energy use (based on the 2017 projections and numbers from Oak Leaf that were floated they can allot us about 1,000,000, which is just under 120% I think)
5. We recommend to postpone the signing up of the C class properties with Renewable Connect. Because these are the most profitable units with Oak Leaf, SAB recommends we forgo the renewable connect sign up if it comes available before we make an agreement with Oak Leaf. We are not opposed to signing up for renewable connect still, but SAB recommends the Town focus on the Oak Leaf deal, especially with our C class meters. We feel Oak Leaf can provide us with a more local power source and cover our 2020 goal completely (100% municipal), whereas renewable connect would cover a part of municipal use.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **SAB commits to working with the CU Capstone project students and Nederland Town employees to develop a 100% Renewable Energy Plan. SAB approves the**

- CU Capstone Proposal. Motioned by Melody Baumhover Seconded by Eryka Thorley. All in favor.
2. SAB recommends the BOT sign the final draft of the Xcel MOU (April 26 version). Motioned by Melody Baumhover, seconded by Eryka Thorley. All in Favor.
 3. The SAB recommends the Town of Nederland move forward with Oak Leaf Energy Solar Community Garden, a 20 year contract, and to purchase up to 120% of 2017 power use. Motioned by Melody Baumhover, Seconded by Eryka Thorley, All in Favor.
 4. Members Absent: Jennifer Morse, Camille Thorson. *note from May, both absent members are in support of these motions.

F. OTHER BUSINESS: 5-10 mins each

1. **Newsletter Outline**
 1. Most important article is to get residents to sign up for Renewable Connect!
Lester will help along with Capstone students and Xcel representative ...
2. **Sustainability Grant Fund Dispersment**
 1. Funds are ready to go, be sure to fill out hours. Melody will be responsible for reporting.
3. **Farmers Market Volunteer sign-up**
 1. Contact Camille or Melody and put your name on the sheet!
4. **Next Intermountain Sustainability Alliance meeting is May 16 in Estes.**

G. ADJOURNMENT: