

WCE Board of Directors

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Todd Rigby at 1:16 p.m., on September 1, 2021, in WRCOG's office, Citrus Conference Room.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Rigby led members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Board of Directors:

- City of Eastvale - Todd Rigby (Chair)
- City of Hemet - Russ Brown
- City of Jurupa Valley - Chris Barajas
- City of Norco - Kevin Bash*
- City of Perris - Rita Rogers
- City of Wildomar - Ben Benoit

*Arrived after roll call

Technical Advisory Committee Members:

- City of Eastvale - Bryan Jones
- City of Jurupa Valley - Rod Butler
- City of Norco - Andy Okoro
- City of Perris - Ernie Reyna

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – (Perris / Jurupa Valley) 5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstention. Items 5.A through 5.C were approved.

A. Summary Minutes from the August 11, 2021, Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee

Action:

1. Approved the Summary Minutes from the August 11, 2021, Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee.

B. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Agency Budget

Action:

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-14; A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Western Community Energy adopting the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Agency Budget.

C. Approval of a First Amendment to Calpine Consulting Agreement for Post-Bankruptcy Services

Action:

1. Authorized the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between Western Community Energy and Calpine Energy Solutions, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$490,000 through June 2022, for essential post-bankruptcy billing and customer services.

6. REPORTS / DISCUSSION

A. WCE Post-Deregistration Activities Update

Dave Wright, WCE Interim General Manager, reported that the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) is providing nearly \$700M to Utilities (both electric and gas) and CCAs to provide financial assistance to customers that have been impacted by COVID-19. WCE is required to work with Southern California Edison (SCE) to complete a customer survey; SCE will submit information on WCE's behalf. WCE then must submit the information to validate what SCE had submitted. Information is due by September 9, 2021. The CSD has indicated that it is not certain if a CCA currently in bankruptcy will qualify for or receive any funding. If WCE qualifies for funding, the CSD would forward it to SCE, which would then forward it to WCE.

SCE is proposing re-entry fees at \$14.7M. If this were to occur, the average residential customers would see an average increase on their bill of approximately \$14 to \$15 per month for six months.

There are approximately 4,700 Net Energy Meter (NEM) customers who are owed credits from WCE. These customers are in the general creditor class of the bankruptcy.

Christopher Gray, WRCOG Deputy Executive Director, indicated that staff are asking SCE to attend next month's WCE meeting to discuss the transition process.

Chair Rigby indicated that customers are receiving partial bills and he would like SCE to also provide information on that.

Director Ben Benoit indicated that it would be beneficial to send letters to customers regarding any credits due or not due.

Action:

1. Received and filed.

7. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kurt Wilson had no update to provide.

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

There were no items requested for future agendas.

9. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

10. CLOSED SESSION

- Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) - One (1) potential case
- Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to 54956.9(d)(1) - Case number: 6:12-12821 (US Bankruptcy Court, Central Division)

Steve DeBaun, WCE legal counsel, indicated that the Board will only hear information on the second item as there is nothing to report on for the first item.

There were no reportable actions.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 1:15 p.m., on the Zoom platform. Board and Committee members will have the option of attending this meeting in-person.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Joint Meeting of the WCE Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 2:37 p.m.