

**Approved Minutes
Clean Energy Development Board
Quarterly Meeting – April 9, 2014**

In Attendance:

Board Members:	Attending	Absent
Sam Swanson	X	
Jo Bradley	X	
Jennifer Hollar		X
Linda McGinnis	X	
Gaye Symington	X	

State Employees:

Christopher Recchia, Commissioner – Public Service Department (PSD)
Andrew Perchlik, Manager - Clean Energy Development Fund, PSD

Members of the Public:

Matt Levin, Vermonters for a Clean Environment

Materials Presented: Draft agenda, draft minutes from the Board’s 1/15/14 meeting; CEDF financial report as of 3/31/14; FY ’14 program report; FY ’15 Draft Program Allocations.

Minutes

Meeting brought to order at 1:09 with Andrew Perchlik presiding.

- I. **Agenda:** The draft agenda was discussed and was approved.
- II. **Minutes:** The draft minutes from the 1/15/14 meeting were reviewed. Swanson moved that the minutes be approved. Linda McGinnis seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- III. **Chris Recchia:** Commissioner Recchia gave an update on the \$5.2 million that the CEDF should expect to receive from Entergy Vermont Yankee in the next 30 days. Recchia explained that a provision of the agreement with Entergy was that at least 50% of the funds (\$2.6M) shall be spend in Windham County. He said that there was not an expectation that the funds be spent in one year, and that it could be spent over multiple fiscal years if that was determined to be the best way to meet the goals of the CEDF. Recchia described other parts of the agreement, such as the economic development funds being coordinated by ACCD and Windham county economic development agencies.
 - a. There was a general discussion and questions about the Vermont Yankee site and possible uses for that site, including renewable energy projects.

- b. There were questions and a general discussion regarding funding for the CEDF beyond the Entergy funds and in particular the desire by the CED Board to have an ongoing funding source for the CEDF and to move beyond creating a cliff if and when CEDF funding is gone. The CED Board would like to develop the clean energy market but not creating a dependency on CEDF funding at the same time.
- c. The Board expressed interest in having PSD staff attend the next CED Board meeting to talk about how the CEDF Program Plan(s) can be connected to the goals of the Comprehensive Energy Plan.

Commissioner Recchia left the meeting.

IV. Paul Craven and VLITE

Mr. Craven described the history and current activities of VLITE (the Vermont Low Income Trust for Electricity, inc.). There was discussion with the Board and Craven on how VLITE works, what their goals are, what funding decisions they have made, and on how the CEDF and VLITE could work together in the future.

V. CEDF Manager Report: Perchlik went over the following to reports:

- a. Financial report for month of March 2014 and fiscal year through March
- b. Fiscal year '14 Program Report

VI. FY '15 Program Plan – WORKING DRAFT

- a. Perchlik went over the working draft for fiscal year 2015.
- b. Board had discussion and questions for Perchlik on the proposed plan. Specifically the Board discussed and/or questioned:
 - i. Whether the plan was consistent with the PSD's Comprehensive Energy Plan and with the Energy Action Network's Pathways to Clean Energy Report.
 - ii. The value of continued focus on solar energy over the next two years so as to take full advantage of the federal tax credits before they are reduced in 2017 of the federal tax credits. Also options to combine solar with other clean energy issues, such as electric transportation and heat pumps.
 - iii. Air to air heat and ground source heat pumps and whether they should be considered an energy efficiency or a renewable energy technology.
 - iv. That transportation options – specifically electric charging stations – should be considered.
 - v. How best to encourage public comment on the Program plan. Perchlik agreed to send around a new draft to the Board members before sending a plan out for public comment.
 - There was agreement that the Board should have another meeting to discuss options for fiscal year the FY 2015 Plan.
 - vi. Possibilities to have programs that support low income Vermonters.
 - vii. Connection with Act 148 and the mandatory recycling of food wastes.

VII. **Meeting Schedule:**

Board agreed to hold a special meeting for May 8, 2014 at 10:00am to Noon, with a tentative location of VEDA.

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 4:10