

Approved MINUTES  
 Clean Energy Development Fund (CEDF) Board Meeting  
 February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
 1:30 – 4:30pm

In Attendance:

<b>Board Members</b>	Attending	Absent
<u>Robert Dostis (RD) – Green Mountain Power</u>	X	
<u>Sam Swanson (SS) – Pace Energy &amp; Climate Ctr</u>	X	
<u>David Blittersdorf (BD) – Earth Turbines</u>	X	
<u>Jo Bradley (JB) – VT Economic Development Authority</u>	X	
<u>Tom Evslin (TE) – CTO, State of VT</u>	X	
<u>Ellen Kahler (EK) – VT Sustainable Jobs Fund</u>	X	
<u>Rich Sedano (RS) – Regulatory Assistance Project</u>	X	
<u>Mark Sinclair (MS) – Clean Energy Group</u>		X
<u>Jeb Spaulding (JS) – VT State Treasurer</u>	X	

**Staff**

<u>(AP) – CEDF Director</u>	X	
<u>Diane Reynolds – DPS</u>	X	

Meeting was chaired by RD who brought the meeting to order at 1:37

- I. **Minutes review** from 1/20/10 meeting. Motion to approve: SS with 2ed by EK. Passed unanimously.
  
- II. **Executive Director Report**
  - Review/approve two grants (one for VTC’s anemometer loan program and one for VERA to continue their small wind measurement program) and the Wind Resource Measurement and Mapping RFP. Motion to approve: RS, with 2ed by SS. Motion passed unanimously.
  - \$1million MOU with BGS ready for Co-chairs signatures.
  - Contract with VEIC update: Contract ready to sign, costs were brought down.
  - All Fuels Partnership program update
  - Staffing update
  - Program updates (EECBG final applications in. PSI RFP to go out shortly)
  - Annual Report overview: SS and RS asked about including in the report an estimation of CO2 reductions. AP will add to the report the CO2 equivalent effect of grants that the CEDF has made in 2009.

### **III. Eligibility of Farms in the Standard Offer Program to Access CEDF Grants**

- a. Mike Raker, Ag. Energy Consultants and Conan Eaton of Auburn Start Farm in Lunenburg, VT testified to the Board on the need of farm methane/anaerobic digesters participating in the standard offer program to be eligible for CEDF grants. They requested that the Board reconsider their decision that prohibits standard offer projects from applying for grant and asked that farm methane projects specifically be allowed to be in the Standard Offer program and be eligible for CEDF grants.
- b. There was a general discussion of the Standard Offer program and the rate farm methane projects receive and the general economics of farm methane projects.
- c. RS moved to amend the CEDF policy to read: “CEDF will not make grants to standard offer projects, except for farm methane projects, but will consider loans under extraordinary circumstances” (underlined text would be the change to existing CEDF policy). SS 2ed the motion. Discussion of the motion included the letter received by the chairs of the Senate and House Energy Committees and legislative intent and the Standard Offer rate setting process at the Public Service Board.
- d. TE moved to table the motion. JS 2ed. The motion failed with no votes from: EK, RS, SS, RD. DB moved to amend the motion to read “CEDF will not make grants to standard offer projects, except for farm methane projects in the February 2010 grant round, but will consider loans under extraordinary circumstances” SS 2ed.

Vote on motion to amend: unanimous

Vote on amended motion passed with “no” votes from: TE & DB.

### **IV. CEDF Budget & Program Discussion**

- a. AP went over the FY 2010 and '11 budgets for CEDF's Entergy VY funds and CEDF's ARRA funds. There was discussion of the budgets and specifically to the effect the solar business tax credit will have on the Entergy VY funds available. It was agreed that \$9 million of CEDF Entergy VY funds should be budgeted in order to reimburse the VT General Fund for the solar tax credit.

### **V. Legislative proposals to re-allocate ARRA and CEDF-Entergy funds**

- a. There was a discussion of House Energy Committee's bill that includes a tax credit expansion and how this would divert more funds away from the

CEDF's current budget if it were to pass. There was consensus amongst the Board to direct AP to write a letter to the Chairs of the Senate and House Energy Committees that provides info. on the Entergy funds and the affect the tax credit will have on those funds.

- b. Discussed the Administration's \$9 million proposal to re-allocate ARRA funds to State Buildings, and the role of Board members in advocating for positions regarding issues that would affect the CEDF, when acting with other "hats". Members said they should try and work together and work within the Board first if they are advocating for a position that affects the CEDF. It was clarified that individual Board members can advocate for issues/legislation that affect the CEDF as long as it is clear they are doing so not as CEDF Board members.
- c. Discussion of the CEDF position on the \$9million proposal and the House Appropriation Committee's request that the CEDF provide information on what would not get funded if the \$9million for State Buildings was re-allocated. AP was directed to create a list of what funds are not encumbered and that AP should state in a memo to the Appropriation Committee that the Board doesn't think any of these projects should be de-funded and that they think they have value, but here they are.

**d. Board Member Roles**

There was further discussion regarding CEDF Board Members roles and the roles they are playing on the Board vs their other jobs.

**Next meeting:** AP was asked to communicate with Board members trying to see if the Scheduled March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting could be changed to the 16<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>.

**5:10 Adjourn**