

**Approved Minutes
Clean Energy Development Board
Quarterly Meeting – May 8, 2014**

In Attendance:

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

State Employees:

Asa Hopkins, Director – Public Service Department (PSD)
Andrew Perchlik, Manager - Clean Energy Development Fund, PSD

Members of the Public:

James Moore, SunCommon; Tom Hughes, SunWard

Materials Presented: Draft agenda, draft minutes from the Board’s 4/9/14 meetings; CEDF financial report as of 4/30/14; FY ’15 Draft Plan materials.

Minutes

Meeting brought to order at 10:09 with Andrew Perchlik presiding.

- I. **Agenda:** The draft agenda was discussed and was approved. There was an introduction of Mark Whitworth as a newly appointed member of the Board. It was decided that comments from the public would be added to the front of the agenda.
- II. **Public Comments:** Tom Hughes spoke in support of the CEDF providing continued and increased incentives for solar hot water systems. James More spoke in favor of continuing the PV incentives in the SSREIP and to use solar incentives in the SSREIP to support other clean energy technologies like heat pumps.

Due to lack of time Perchlik proposed, and the Board members agreed, to skip of review of the draft minutes.
- III. **Fiscal Year 2015 Plan and Budget:** Perchlik gave a brief overview of the draft outline of the FY 2015 plan matrix of Annual Plan decision factors that he had created at the request of the Board. There was a short discussion on the matrix.
 - a. Hopkins spoke to the Board and answered question regarding state energy planning, the comprehensive energy plan (CEP) and provided his thoughts on

where there the CEDF could provide the most benefit in relation to the CEP's total energy goal. He said that the State had made good progress in the electric sector and thus turning to the non-electric sectors might provide the CEDF the best bang for the buck.

- b. There was a discussion with Hopkins and the Board about how the Board should plan regarding future funding for the CEDF and whether the FY 2015 funds should be considered one-time or if there will be similar appropriations to the CEDF in future years.
- c. There was agreement that the FY '15 Plan should include the CEDF's assumptions on how much funding the CEDF will have in future years. There was a discussion on what the dollar figure should be. Perchlik agreed to provide the Board with information comparing different state's clean energy funds on a per capita basis.

Hollar left the meeting.

- d. There was a discussion on whether the CEDF programs should have a focus on moderate and/or low income Vermonters - making it easier for those income groups to but renewable energy systems.

Hopkins and Bradley left the meeting.

IV. **SSREIP:** This item was added to the agenda. There was concern that the SSREIP might run out of funds to make reservations for PV systems before the Board can vote on the FY 2015 plan. There was a discussion of this and of what amount would be needed to ensure that the Program would not run out of funds. Perchlik suggested \$250,000. McGinnis made a motion to pre-approve the CEDF adding \$250,000 into the SSREIP so that the program will not have to close for a period before the FY 2015 appropriation is approved. SS seconded the motion and all four remaining members voted in favor of the motion.

V. **Meeting Schedule:** Board agreed to hold their next meeting on the 19th instead of June 11th at 9:30 or 10:00 to Noon. Perchlik said he would confirm with the Board members not present if that date would work.

With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 12:37