

DRAFT Minutes
Clean Energy Development Board
Quarterly Meeting October 23, 2020

In Attendance (*Meeting held at electronically via video and phone*)

Board Members:	Attending	Absent
Kate Desrochers (KD)	X	
Jared Duval (JD) <i>Co-Chair</i>	X	
David Farnsworth (DF)	X	
Ken Jones (KJ)		X
Sam Swanson (SS) <i>Co-Chair</i>	X	
Johanna Miller (JM)	X	
Paul Zabriskie (PZ)	X	

State Employees:

Andrew Perchlik (**AP**), Fund Manager, Clean Energy Development Fund, Public Service Department (PSD) and Ed Delhagen, PSD.

Ed McNamara, Director of Planning at the PSD, joined the meeting near the end (agenda item IV).

Members of the Public: None.

The meeting started at 10:04 with **SS** presiding.

I. Agenda

The draft agenda was reviewed, discussed briefly, and agreed upon.

II. Minutes

JD moved the draft minutes of the Board's 07/29/20 quarterly meeting be accept as presented. The motion was seconded by **JM** and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Fund Manager's Report

AP provided an overview of the current CEDF grants and operational programs. The focus was on the Small Scale Renewable Energy Program (SSREIP) and the last quarter's results of the projects installed. He reported that installations are down compared to 2019, but that considering the Covid-19 shutdown and lingering impacts the interest in pellet heating is steady. There was a discussion about the fact that after working to promote pellet heating the up-take in the technology is still low.

Board members asked questions about the amount of remaining funding for the program and specifically how long the \$3,000 incentive for pellet boilers would likely continue. **AP** reported that about \$300,000 remained for that incentive and therefore the program could incentivize 100 additional installations. In responding to a question, **AP** said that given that only about ten installation per quarter there would be sufficient funding for the 2021 calendar year. However, **AP** explained that the CEDF will be using some of the remaining \$300,000 on the commercial

coal system change-outs and thus the funding could go more quickly if there are several commercial coal change-out incentives provided, or if the number of residential pellet boilers increases back to twenty installations per quarter. Board members asked **AP** to be sure to be communicating with stakeholders as the funding gets low.

IV. Future of the CEDF memo

There was a discussion of the memo **AP** had sent to the Board members regarding the future of the CEDF and different options for what to do with the CEDF as it expands its remaining dollars. There was discussion about encouraging public input on the future of the CEDF. Board members were supportive of the memo being sent to the public with a request of written public comments and/or verbal comments at the next Board's next meeting.

Ed McNamara from the PSD joined in the meeting and discussion. He was supportive of CEDF staff and the Board soliciting public comments and attendance at the Board's next meeting. Mr. McNamara expressed the importance of a public process. He asked that the memo emphasize that the listed options are not an exhaustive list and other ideas and options are encouraged. There was brief discussion regarding the Climate Action Plan and the Comprehensive Energy Plan that the State will be drafting in 2021 and the possibility that these plans might provide direction for the future of the CEDF.

The Board and McNamara agreed that CEDF staff should send the "Future of the CEDF" memo to the public the week after the election, when it is more likely to be noticed, and to have the comment period extend to the day of the Board's next meeting in December. They also agreed that the memo should be sent from the CEDF/PSD and the CED Board. **AP** agreed to get the memo out to the public on Monday November 9th.

V. Next Meetings

The Board members discussed when they should meet in December. They agreed the meeting be set for Wednesday, December 16th at 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

--Without objection **SS** adjourned the meeting at 11:45--