

Minutes
Clean Energy Development Board
Special Meeting - July 28, 2021

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

| <u>Board Members:</u> | Attending | Absent |
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| 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**), CED Board Clean Energy Development Fund, Public Service Department (PSD)
Ed Delhagen, Clean Energy Finance & Program Manager, PSD.
Paul Frederick & Emma Hanson, Department of Forests, Parks, & Recreation.

Members of the Public:

Adam Sherman (Biomass Energy Resource Center), Jim Kurrle (Bourne’s Energy), Mark Froling (Froling Energy), Jeff Rubin (Sustainable Heating, and Pellerger), David Frank (SunWood Biomass), Jonathan Lloyd (Lloyd’s Home Service); Scott Nichols (Tarm USA), Mort Bailey (Lyme Green Heat), Chris Brooks (Vermont Wood Pellets).

The meeting started at 1:04 with **SS** presiding.

I. Agenda

SS started the meeting introducing the Board members present welcoming those present and explained the agenda only consisted of hearing from wood heating stakeholders on how the CEDF could best support the development of the advanced wood heating market in general and specifically with the \$5 million of federal Recovery Act funds that the legislature provided.

II. Public Comment from Wood Heating Stakeholders

SS asked **AP** to give an overview of the funding the CED Board must allocate and the issues and status of Vermont’s advanced wood heating sector. **AP** presented several graphs on the last five years of CEDF’s incentive program for advanced wood heating and asked those present to provide their insights on the wood heating sector and suggestions for how the CEDF could develop the advanced wood heating market in Vermont.

All the stakeholders present gave extensive feedback to the Board on current programs and what they saw as the best strategies and programs would be to help develop different segments of the wood heating market in Vermont.

There was a general discussion among staff, Board members, and the members of the public regarding the barriers and opportunities facing the advanced wood heating sector. Board members asked

III. Adjournment

AP asked if there were any other comments from the public attendees or comments or questions from the Board or state employees. Hearing no other questions or comments, **SS** thanked the participants for their participation and helpful comments and ideas for the Board to use in developing programs.

Without objection **SS** adjourned the meeting at 5:01