



**DESERT COMMUNITY ENERGY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Desert Community Energy Board was called to order by Chair Kaplan at 2:42 pm on November 19, 2018.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Members Present

Councilmember Shelley Kaplan, Chair
Mayor Sabby Jonathan, Vice Chair
Councilmember Geoff Kors

Agency

City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs

Others

Joe Hummel

Palm Desert Resident

Ex-Officio / Non-Voting Member

Vacant

City of Desert Hot Springs

DCE Staff & Consultants

Tom Kirk
Katie Barrows
Linda Rogers
Libby Carlson
Colin Cameron (By Phone)
Jeff Fuller (By Phone)
Don Dame

The Energy Authority/TEA
The Energy Authority/TEA
DCE Consultant

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Hummel, Palm Desert resident, addressed the DCE Board to express his support and appreciation for the work of the DCE.

4. BOARD MEMBER / DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Tom Kirk recognized staff member Linda Rogers in advance of her retirement and introduced new staff member Libby Carlson.

Tom Kirk also recognized outgoing Chair Shelley Kaplan to thank him for his contributions to the DCE.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

IT WAS MOVED BY MAYOR JONATHAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN TO:

- A. Approve DCE Board meeting minutes of July 16 and DCE Special Board meeting minutes of July 25 and August 15, 2018**
- B. Approve Amendment #1 to LEAN Energy US Services Contract which will:
 - 1) Authorize the Executive Director to shift the not-to-exceed amounts for LEAN, Green Ideals, and BurkeRix consistent with program needs and budget; and
 - 2) Extend the contract expiration date to December 21, 2020, due to the launch delay**
- C. Approve Amendment #2 to the cost-sharing agreement with Western Riverside Council of Governments for CCA-related legal services to:
 - 1) Remove Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (now Clean Power Alliance); and
 - 2) Transfer the agreement from Coachella Valley Association of Governments to Desert Community Energy; and
 - 3) Increase the DCE share of the costs for a not-to-exceed amount of \$60,000**

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 2 AYES AND 1 ABSTENTION ON ITEM 6A.

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| Councilmember Shelley Kaplan | AYE |
| Mayor Sabby Jonathan | AYE |
| Councilmember Geoff Kors | Abstain |

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES ON ITEMS 5B AND 5C.

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| Councilmember Shelley Kaplan | AYE |
| Mayor Sabby Jonathan | AYE |
| Councilmember Geoff Kors | AYE |

6. DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. DCE Power Liquidation and Account Settlement

Tom Kirk provided an update on the DCE power liquidation as approved by the DCE Board at its July 25 Special Meeting. Net revenue totals \$6,394,148.75, of which \$4,193,918.75 has been transferred from TEA to DCE to-date. Receipt of remaining funds is anticipated by the end of the year. Net revenue will be used to settle obligations accrued by DCE, estimated at \$1,674,682.26 as of November 1, 2018. Estimated obligations are consistent with approved contracts and the DCE FY2018/2019 approved budget.

B. Power Charge Indifference: Impact to DCE

Jeff Fuller provided an overview of recently-approved PCIA rate changes and SCE's pending ERRA request under consideration by the CPUC, both of which impact structural advantages of CCAs, including DCE.

C. Desert Community Energy Launch Schedule Considerations

Don Dame outlined possible directions for DCE's program, beginning with a review of market conditions over the past 12 months. Mr. Dame also noted factors to consider when making a decision about next steps. For the program to launch in early 2020, Mr. Dame recommended choosing a course of action by the end of March 2019. Consumer sentiment was noted as a key consideration.

IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER KAPLAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KORS, TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PROCURE A CONSULTANT TO DRAFT AND SHARE A SURVEY INSTRUMENT FOR REVIEW BY CITIES, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES.

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| Councilmember Shelley Kaplan | AYE |
| Mayor Sabby Jonathan | AYE |
| Councilmember Geoff Kors | AYE |

7. INFORMATION

- 1) Attendance Roster
- 2) Report on CalCCA Annual Meeting

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Desert Community Energy Board is scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2018, at 2:30 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:52 pm.