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Meeting Minutes

Big Thompson Conference Room

June 30, 2014 @ 1:30 p.m.

Present: Mel Rettig, Brian Neufeld, Robert Bray, John Cure, Ben Rainbolt, Tom Wingfield, Eric Lane, Sam Anderson, Tom Lipetzky, Shaina Knight, and Lillie Collins

1. Roll Call & Establishment of Quorum
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Prior Minutes (*Robert moved, Ben seconded. Vote was unanimous.*)
 - December 3, 2013
 - April 24, 2014
4. Value-Added & Marketing Program Update
Shaina outlined the AgEnrich projects. All are in process. For 2015 the funds have been requested again (\$100k). This comes from Ag Management Fund. For next meeting there will be updates on the projects themselves.
5. ACRE³ Budget Update
Tom detailed the spreadsheet showing the budget. The available fund balance is approximately \$1.4M. A purchase order is open for \$20k of it.
6. Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Projects
Sam Anderson was introduced. He is the new ACRE³ Energy Specialist. He gave the group a rundown of his extensive credentials. Eric explained that Sam represented the best applicant in terms of skills and experience.
 - a. Small hydro – Four workshops for producers have been held since March (Hotchkiss, Durango, Glenwood Springs, Loveland). Approximately \$10k was raised from other organizations as sponsorships.
 - b. Next step is getting some demonstration

- projects on pressurized irrigation systems started by producers to showcase benefits.
- c. Stakeholders meeting in March 2013 in Denver to discuss partnership opportunities to develop small hydro. It was determined that we need a standardized feasibility assessment tool.
 - d. Colorado Energy Office has allocated funds to take the lead on updating the Small Hydro Handbook. By the end of the calendar year it should be done, or early in 2015.
 - e. Energy Efficiency – over the last year CEO has implemented a pilot with eight dairies and four power irrigators.
 - f. Level of involvement of board for projects. Demos – comfortable to proceed or CDA sends out emails explaining costs & projects. Some decisions will be policy setting and Eric wants the board to be engaged with those. Make it simple but still informative. Also simple enough that it's time efficient.
 - g. A question came up about the results from a small hydro project on Elk View Ranch – Bayfield?
 - h. Plan on quarterly update on what is developing. As things come up, financial decision points, half page which spells it out with two weeks to review.

7. Other Business

8. Adjourn at 3:20 pm (*Ben moved, Tom W seconded. Motion was unanimous.*)