



Clean Energy Committee

Hearing Minutes

October 31, 2022 | 3-5 PM | Evans Hall 3201

Facilitation: Olivia McGoldrick

Minutes: Joshua Reed-Doyle

Approved on: 1/23/2022

Attendance: Kiera Jensen, Scott Morgan (proxy voting for William Ward), Teddy Escobedo, Joshua Reed-Doyle, Kayla Mahnke Hargett, Cleopatra Gourley, Olivia McGoldrick

Absent: Anthony Levenda, William Ward

Agenda Items:

(Please capture the name of the presenter, brief notes of the discussion, and the full details of the motions made, votes, and passage)

- **Welcome & Introductions**

- Happy Halloween!

- **CEC Fund Report**

- Andy Corn – Budget Briefing
- Mandatory fees: Pro-rata per credit: \$1/credit
- Annual CEC Budget components

Operating Budget and Project Funding Budget set by the committee in Nov. 7th Hearing.

- Purchasing of REC's with PSE – Approximately \$60K/yr at present. Primary purpose of the fund.
- Admin Allowance – Payment for committee members (learning allotments).
- Operating Budget – For committee supplies and WOHESC travel in March.
- Project Funding Budget – How much funding we're willing to set aside for projects this year. 2022-23 allowance was set in Nov. 7th hearing.
- Current Balance:
 - \$467K total capital at present
 - Projected \$83K in Fee Revenue this year
- Idea: Funding a larger project through a bond that the CEC repays over time, binding future committees to repayment of the bond.
- Scott: Mentions that Grant Program Matches can be used to fund such projects as the Solar Grant (OlySol?), Energy Efficiency Project, Seminar I complex demonstration project, and Heat pumps, but there is more to be explored here.
- Capital / Legislative Budget Insights from William Ward

- **Hearing Process**

- Quorum is required to conduct board action: Minimum of 2 voting staff and 2 voting student members.
 - 5 students present, 4 voting student members
 - 2 Voting staff present, Scott serving as proxy for William Ward
 - Quorum achieved
- Structure of hearing a project proposal
 - 5-10 minutes for proposing student or staff to give a presentation on the project.
 - 5 minutes for the committee to question the presenter
 - 5 minutes for committee deliberation without presenter input
 - Chair requests motion, then a voting member must put forth a motion and be seconded for chair to call a vote.
- Motions are said and recorded in full when possible
- Secretary (Josh) records motion, second, and vote.
- 2 staff & 2 student votes required for motion pass
- **Mock proposal: Solar Tacoma: Michael (of CEC lore)**
 - **Presentation**
 - Evergreen Satellite Tacoma campus didn't own the building. Now we own the building!
 - Engineer structural suitability -> milestone follow-up larger project in progress
 - Eventual demonstration site for solar display.
 - \$7500 requested (see proposal)
 - Future group needs to look at maintenance
 - **Q&A/Discussion**
 - Question: do they stay or do they go? Up to group.
 - Teddy: Concerns of damage to solar panels, and how to maintain.
 - Cleo: no concerns
 - Keira: comments made but unrecorded due to technical difficulties
 - Olivia: future committee would be expected to invest \$90,000 to accomplish project end goal! The \$7500 feasibility study might go to waste without external funding.
 - **Motion**
 - Teddy motions to grant \$7500 to solarize tacoma project, with stipulation that they return with progress updates and full evaluation of feasibility and future costs analysis. Cleo seconds.
 - Scott makes a comment: that there will be clarity after the engineering report
 - The motion passes with 5 yes 1 no
- **Application: Reducing Food Miles**
 - **Presentation**
 - Reducing food miles, actual grant proposal, Beth, Farm Manager
 - Overview of project and history of student discounts at Farm.
 - Subsidizes price of vegetables/food to give discount to students to cover expenses.
 - Evergreen Organic Farm CEC partnership program is a pioneer project that provides a

lot of value to the community.

- **Q&A**
 - Teddy: Need more \$? Growth would be great.
 - Keira: Data? Data collection has only improved recently.
 - Olivia: Looking ahead 3 years? \$30K
 - Josh: No question or concerns: I am impressed with the EBT access and the student discount. Incredible program. Very happy to continue funding and look forward to future growth of the program. This subsidy is fantastic.
 - Beth: online ordering coming soon! Clover system
 - Scott: Timing of grant when farm stand closes?
 - Beth: Due to Seasonal farming budgeting
 - Olivia: Miles from shipping? Pick-up only
 - Josh: CSAs? Yes, changing though.
 - Beth: Primer on CSAs: Community Supported Agriculture / Subscription Seasonally for Upfront funding. Very good for farmers.
 - Olivia: Why so much for 3 years? Thinking big!
 - Keira: Growing interest? Advertisement? Yes. Don't know how to quantify.
 - Beth Exits, Thank you's.
- **Concerns & Discussion:**
 - Potentially a lot of our available funds. Can we recover funds from elsewhere to compensate? Such as changing REC policy?
 - Desire for CEC branding logo for funding the discount. Placement next to the \$5 sign at the point-of-the-sale. nothing else much needed. We can ask to see data from their point of sale system.
 - Rather than funding for three years at once, perhaps funding one year at a time.
 - \$10K per year, not \$30k from one year
 - Their system is reimbursement-based for a line of credit that they may not use it. Their system reinforces
 - Annual reporting needed
 - Stipulation vs. Request?
 - Data reporting discussion: food security vs/ production in winter
- **Motion**
 - Kayla motions to fund the Organic Farm \$20,000 for FY23 and FY24 with the stipulation that the Farm add "sponsored by CEC" or CEC logo to announcements, and a request for annual discount usage data and more information about plans for winter fresh foods access for students.
 - Keira: seconded.
 - Olivia: seen
 - Vote: 6 yes, 4 student 2 staff
- **CEC Administrative Budget**
 - Kayla: Because of time, we need to schedule a special meeting for CEC administrative and project Budget setting
- **Adjourn**
 - Kayla: Move to adjourn.
 - Chloe: seconds

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