



Town of Rangely

RDC Board Packet
February 17, 2022 - Following RDA Meeting





(RDC)

Town of Rangely Conference Room

**** February 17, 2022 ****

Agenda

FOLLOWING RDA MEETING

Keely Ellis, Chairman

**Ron Granger, Vice Chairman
Karen Reed
Ryan Huitt**

**Sara Peterson
McKenzie Webber
Emma Baker**

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call

3) Minutes of Meeting

a) Discussion and Action to approve the January 27, 2022, minutes.

4) Changes to the Agenda

5) Old Business

6) New Business

a) Discussion and Action to approve January 2022 Financials.

b) Discussion Just Transition presentation

7) Information

8) Adjourn



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Town of Rangely Conference Room

**** January 27, 2022 ****

Minutes

FOLLOWING RDA MEETING

Andrew Key, Chairman

**Keely Ellis– Vice Chair
Karen Reed
Ryan Huitt**

**Sara Peterson
McKenzie Webber
Emma Baker**

1) **Call to Order** – 8:29am

2) **Roll Call** - Suspend

3) **Minutes of Meeting**

*a) Discussion and Action to approve the December 16, 2021, minutes – **Motion made by McKenzie Webber to approve the December 16, 2021 minutes, second by Karen Reed. Motion passed***

4) **Changes to the Agenda** – Add 6f under New Business, Discussion and Action to appoint a Vice Chair to RDC

5) **Old Business**

6) **New Business**

*a) Discussion and Action to accept the resignation of Andy Key – **Motion made by McKenzie Webber to accept the resignation of Andy Key, seconded by Emma Baker. Motion passed***

*b) Discussion and Action to appoint Ron Granger to the RDC – **Motion made by Karen Reed to appoint Ron Granger to the RDC, second McKenzie Webber. Motion passed***



- c) *Discussion and Action to appoint a chair to the RDC* – **Motion made by McKenzie Webber to appoint Keely Ellis as Chair to the RDC, second by Karen Reed. Motion passed**
- d) *Discussion and Action to approve December 2021 Financials* – **Motion made by McKenzie Webber to approve the December 2021 Financial, second Ron Granger. Motion passed**
- e) *Discussion Just Transition presentation* – **Looking at applying for grant that would help move forward a program at CNCC that would support training of Cogency related activities.**
- f) *Discussion and Action to appoint a Vice Chair to the RDC* – **Motion made by Emma Baker to appoint Ron Granger as Vice Chair to the RDC, second by McKenzie Webber. Motion passed**

7) **Information**

8) **Adjourn** – 8:34am

TOWN OF RANGELY
REVENUES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
FOR THE 1 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 31, 2022

RDC RANGELY DEV CORP FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEARNED	PCNT
<u>REVENUES</u>					
76-30-300 INTEREST INCOME	.00	.00	500	500.00	.00
76-30-400 MISC INCOME	.00	.00	5,800,000	5,800,000.00	.00
TOTAL REVENUES	.00	.00	5,800,500	5,800,500.00	.00
TOTAL FUND REVENUE	.00	.00	5,800,500	5,800,500.00	.00

TOWN OF RANGELY
EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
FOR THE 1 MONTHS ENDING JANUARY 31, 2022

RDC RANGELY DEV CORP FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEXPENDED	PCNT
76-40-220 PROF/TECH SERVICES	20.75	20.75	500	479.25	4.15
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	20.75	20.75	500	479.25	4.15
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS					
76-40-800 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	.00	.00	5,800,000	5,800,000.00	.00
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	.00	.00	5,800,000	5,800,000.00	.00
TOTAL DEPARTMENT 40	20.75	20.75	5,800,500	5,800,479.25	.00
TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES	20.75	20.75	5,800,500	5,800,479.25	.00
NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	(20.75)	(20.75)	0	20.75	.00



Town of Rangely/CNCC Renewable Energy Technician Training Program Development



Goals of the Program:

- ▶ develop and launch a Renewable Energy Technician certificate program that could include some or all of the following subject areas:
 - ▶ Energy Systems Auditing and Management,
 - ▶ Energy Demand Management
 - ▶ Grid integration of Renewables,
 - ▶ Photovoltaics,
 - ▶ Microhydro,
 - ▶ Geothermal,
 - ▶ Wind Power,
 - ▶ Biofuels and Biomass,
 - ▶ Storage technologies including Fuel Cells and Batteries.



Relevance



- Northwestern Colorado has an abundance of technician- level trained workers whose jobs in coal mining, oil and gas extraction and oil field support, and power plant operations are going extinct as the nation turns away from fossil fuel sources of energy
- These workers possess marketable skills in pump operations, SCADA operations and monitoring, heavy equipment operations, and other skills
- These skills are all applicable to and transferable to the renewable energy arena

Renewable Energy Technician jobs advertised

- 208 Technician jobs in Colorado advertised on Zip Recruiter
- Hundreds more advertised at https://www.google.com/search?q=renewable+energy+sector+technician+jobs&rlz=1C1CHBF_enUS939US939&oq=renewable+energy+sector+jobs&aqs=chrome..69i57j0i512l2j0i22i30i457j0i22i30i6.7270j0j15&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&ibp=html;jobs&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjQi4r_64T2AhXFN30KHblgC8AQuadcGKAJ6BAgUECw#fpstate=tldetail&htivrt=jobs&htichips=job_family_1:service%20technician&htischips=job_family_1;service%20technician&htidocid=Q16H8GN6_qEAAAAAAAAAAAAA%3D%3D

The screenshot displays a Google search results page for the query "renewable energy sector technician jobs" in Rangely, CO. The search results are filtered by "Jobs" and show a list of relevant postings on the left side. The main content area on the right provides a detailed view of a specific job listing: "Traveling Renewable Energy Field Technician" at Harness Energy, located in Rangely, CO. The job is advertised on ZipRecruiter and includes details such as "Work from home", "Full-time", "No degree mentioned", "Health insurance", "Dental insurance", and "Paid time off". The "Job highlights" section identifies the post as being identified by Google from the original job post. The "Qualifications" section lists requirements such as a sense of adventurousness, safe and alert driving, experience with acoustic, optical, electromechanical, telecommunications, control systems, power supply, other scientific sensors or computer hardware circuitry, and broad PC and mobile phone software/application capabilities. The "Responsibilities" section mentions years of experience, commitment to continual training, and the role of installing and servicing wind and solar measurement systems. The "Benefits" section highlights a one-on-one focus on training, skills coaching, and career development, as well as generous travel, overtime, and per diem rates.



Cogency

- When Cogency activities start, Technicians in the program and recent graduates will be targeted for employment
- As Cogency expansion progresses, individual certificate programs can be spun off to train manufacturing techs, installers, maintenance technicians, controls technicians etc
- If Cogency does not begin start up expansion, graduates will find many opportunities with companies offering renewable energy solutions



Budget

- Full time content expert/instructor- approx. \$100,000 per year for three years (includes salary AND benefits)
- Curriculum development with Cogency content experts- \$10,000
- Proprietary equipment/travel costs- \$12,000/yr for 3 years
- Marketing dollars- \$50,000

- Total: \$396,000



Conclusions

- The Town of Rangely and CNCC believe that this proposal captures the intent of the Just Transitions program to create retraining opportunities for workers who will lose work in coal and other extractive resource jobs, allowing them to laterally transfer existing skills and experience into new applications.
- This program supports capacity building and long-term transition strategies, and will strategically leverage long-term private investment as Cogency and other renewable energy companies expand concurrently.