

**River Area Council of Governments  
October 27, 2020**

**Members present:** M. Bigness, S. Burto, B. Ferguson, W. McIlroy, S. Storms,  
and J. Zando

Chairman McIlroy called the virtual Zoom meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Motion by J. Zando, seconded by S. Storms to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting, as presented. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

M. Dietrich summarized his written report. In reference to future presenters, W. McIlroy expressed his preference that the abandoned railroad tracks be developed for pedestrian and bike use. M. Dietrich will speak to Ryan Piche, Lewis County administrator, regarding the status of the railroad tracks and invite him to present at the next meeting. The Board agreed by consensus that the previously scheduled economic summit be postponed until spring 2022.

Javier Barrios, Good Energy consultant, presented information regarding the process and public outreach for enrolling residents in a community choice aggregate for supplying electricity and natural gas. The program would be an opt-out program with an estimated 8-10% savings.

J. Barrios also discussed community solar which will be an opt-out program effective January 2021. Currently there is limited capacity for community solar but the savings is a guaranteed 10%. In response to questions from B. Ferguson, J. Barrios responded that subscribers can sign up until the capacity is all encumbered. It was unknown if four (4) solar sites in the Town of Champion are participating in community solar programs.

S. Burto emphasized that there is no administration required on the local level. Resident's questions would be referred to Good Energy.

Motion by S. Burto, seconded by M. Bigness to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

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