

Colorado School District Energy Managers Meeting
Thursday, May 3, 2001 Minutes

Chairman Ralph Bozella hosted the fifth and final CSDEM meeting, in Longmont, for the 2000-01 school year. Twenty-five people representing 15 Colorado school districts, the Governor's Office of Energy Management & Conservation, and Xcel Energy attended. An updated CSDEM roster will be mailed later.

After welcoming and introductions by CSDEM Chairman Ralph Bozella, Brent Mecham from the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, presented some excellent workable strategies on outdoor water conservation. I have asked Brent for an electronic outline of his presentation which will be distributed to CSDEM members. This was followed by another excellent presentation on sustainable design for facilities development by Stu Reeve and Mike Spaernak from Poudre Valley School District. Thomas Fernandez presented a short update on the savings generated by the geo-exchange system at District 11's new O&M building. Thomas' power point presentation is included in this mailing. Following the meeting a small group of people from various districts toured St. Vrain's newest school, Silver Creek High School.

During the CSDEM business meeting, Rob Pearson from OEMC informed us that the DOE grant to support the fall conference probably will not be funded. Linda Smith is working with several ESCO's to step in as sponsors for the first CSDEM fall conference. These sponsorships will make up the funding difference. Conference planning is moving along very well, as Tom MacDonnell is busy arranging the breakout sessions. More information later – please mark your calendars for September 27 and 28 to be in Breckenridge. OEMC is also working with CSDEM to develop new program focus to help small rural school districts take positive steps to conserve energy and save needed dollars.

A short discussion was held around transport gas issues.

Tom MacDonnell was elected the new CSDEM Chairman – congratulations to Tom. He is an excellent choice and I am confident that CSDEM will continue moving in a very positive direction.

Dave Plute moved that we amend the by-laws to change the current officer structure from the chairman as our only officer to three offices: Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Immediate Past Chairman. A full report on the proposed changes will be mailed later. All members attending the business meeting on Friday September 28 in Breckenridge can vote on the by-law changes.

It has been my honor and a privilege to serve CSDEM as chairman for this past school year. Many thanks to you all for your support. Together we are doing good things for Colorado school districts. Let's continue to work together to make CSDEM an energizing force for Colorado schools.

Submitted by Ralph Bozella,
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