

Citizens for Clean Energy, Inc. (CCE)

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Minutes for October 13, 2020 Meeting

Location: Zoom Meeting in Great Falls, Montana

Welcome: Rich Liebert, Chair, called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Eight CCE, Inc. supporters were present online during the meeting; a quorum was present. Participants had the option to join the Zoom meeting via computer or via phone. Rich thanked David Saslav and Melissa Smith for allowing CCE to use their Zoom setup.

Secretary: Kathy Gessaman reviewed the September 9th CCE meeting minutes. **Rich Liebert called the question to accept the September 9, 2020 CCE, Inc. electronically distributed minutes; the motion passed.**

Treasurer: Kathy G. reported, for Mary Nicholson, that on 9-30-2020, check #1033 for \$50 to MTPR for use of the KGPR conference call line cleared; there were no other expenses during this time. **Lita Sharone moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Melissa Smith seconded and the motion passed.**

CCE Website/Communications: Check out the new CCE website at <https://www.ccemontana.org/> - new items of interest are added weekly so please visit the website for informational updates.

The old website address will be active for at least another year at: <http://www.cce-mt.org/>. David S. discussed redirecting the old website to the new one to improve access to the new website. Kathy agreed to work with Jerry Taylor to redirect the old website.

Send articles of general interest and notices about CCE activity to Kathy G. at cce.secretary@gmail.com.

Unfinished Business:

Energy Sustainability Committee: Ken Palisin, Chair of the Energy Sustainability Committee, reported on an Oct. 8th Zoom meeting Great Falls Rising (GFR) held to discuss climate resilience. David S. said he received an email from Gerry Jennings, President of GFR, who was hoping more Great Falls citizens would join with GFR to work with the City Commissioners to encourage the city to do more to help Great Falls become more resilient in the face of climate uncertainty. Gerry said Commissioners Mary Sheehy Moe and Tracy Houck are allies and we all need to work together to plan the next step to get the whole community on board on how to make our city more sustainable. Melissa S. said the Forest Service representative on the panel spoke about the role of fire in the West and what citizens could do to keep property safe. David S. said Gerry was interested in revisiting CCE's resolution and helping rework it. Rich L. said he would speak to Commissioners Owen Robinson and Rick Tryon about a revised sustainability resolution.

New Business:

Rich L. said he spoke for a couple of hours with Paul Skubinna, an environmental engineer who is the new City Director for Public Works. Rich said they discussed the DEQ, the old (2008) Co-Generation system at the sewer plant, and the new aquatic park project which Rich hoped would be built to LEED specs.

A group discussion ensued over the aquatic park and Rich planned to send Sandra a link to an article on the park from “The Electric” <https://theelectricgf.com/> to post on the new website.

Reports:

Government: David S. said legislators need more written comments from citizens on issues like the PSC hearing on Colstrip coal plants. Please check out the following link:

Info on PSC Hearings: <https://meic.org/2020/10/colstrip/>

Rich encouraged citizens to support candidates who support clean energy and noted MEIC’s website has past records of Legislators’ votes on critical energy legislation. He said he’d send links for legislators’ voting records; see the following:

Legislative Scorecard: <https://meic.org/2019/05/2019-meic-legislative-voting-record/>

Legal: Rich L. said there wasn’t an update from Earthjustice this month.

The next CCE meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7 p.m. This will be another Zoom meeting that people can access via computer or phone.

David S. moved to adjourn the Zoom meeting, Ken P. seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Please check your email and the CCE, Inc. website for additions or updates.

- Oct 30 – 9 - 11:00 a.m. Cascade County Planning Board Meeting on Medical Marijuana and Agricultural Zoning for Slaughterhouse;
- Nov 12 – Special County Commission Zoom Mtg 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Find links for Zoom meeting at new county website <https://www.cascadecountymt.gov/>; click on Nov. 12 date on the calendar for details
- Nov 17 – CCE Zoom meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Watch for an email with access instructions.
- TBA – Check emails and website for more information

Update: The next CCE, Inc. Zoom meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2020 at 7 p.m. Please email agenda items to Rich L. at wwranch@3rivers.net.

“The greatest tragedy is for somebody to do nothing because they thought they could only do a little”
- Edmund Burke