

# Citizens for Clean Energy, Inc. (CCE)

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## Minutes for February 9, 2021 Meeting

**Location:** Zoom Meeting in Great Falls, Montana

**Welcome:** Rich Liebert, Chair, called the Zoom meeting to order at 7 p.m. Eleven CCE, Inc. supporters were present at the Zoom meeting; a quorum was present. CCE members appreciated David Saslav and Melissa Smith setting up the Zoom meeting.

**Secretary:** Kathy Gessaman gave a brief overview of the November 17, 2020 CCE meeting minutes. **Lita Sharone moved to accept the November 17, 2020 CCE, Inc. electronically distributed minutes; Shannon Wilson seconded.** Rich called for discussion; there was none. **The motion passed.**

**Treasurer:** Mary Nicholson reported that CCE received a \$600 grant from the Dr. David W. Baker Memorial Student-Science Foundation and it had been deposited. [The Student Incentive Program Science Fair Committee uses the grant money for prizes for students participating in the upcoming Virtual Science Fair at Great Falls College - MSU.] **Kathy G. moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Lita Sharone seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The motion passed.**

**CCE Website/Communications:** Please visit the new CCE, Inc. website for the latest updates on CCE activities. <https://www.ccemontana.org/> - David noted the new website appears fairly quickly when Citizens for Clean Energy was entered on a search engine online.

The original CCE website address continues to be active as an archive and with LENR info: <http://www.cce-mt.org/>. Send articles of general interest and notices about CCE activity to Kathy G. at [cce.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:cce.secretary@gmail.com).

### Unfinished Business:

**Virtual Science Fair 2021:** Mike Enk, Chair of the SIP Science Fair Committee, said he is waiting for new information from Dr. Leanne Frost, who heads up the Science Fair at Great Falls College MSU. Mike said he'd ask Leanne (via email) if CCE judges could review the Science Fair judges' scores on the projects he thought might meet CCE's environmental and clean energy criteria based on the project abstracts; and if it would be possible to ask Science Fair coordinators at the participating schools to suggest which student projects might meet the criteria of the different Merit Awards (not official Science Fair awards) given at the Science Fair (including CCE's Merit Awards).

Mike worked with the GFC MSU Science Fair team to update the language for the CCE awards on the 2021 Fair website. Mike said CCE would most likely award a nominal prize of \$20 (money order) to about 25-30 students along with an Outstanding Participation Certificate. The money for the awards would be taken from the Dr. David W. Baker Memorial Student-Science Foundation's generous \$600 grant. The Middle and High School Fair is planned for Tuesday, March 9, 2021. The new name for the Science Fair is the Great Falls College MSU Regional Science & Engineering Fair.

**Energy Sustainability Committee:** Rich asked for an update on the proposed Aquatic Center now scheduled to be built in Lions Park in Neighborhood Council 9; Rich noted Shannon Wilson is on the NC9 board. Ken P., Chair of the committee, said Chuck, who works at Malmstrom, will try to update CCE about the DOD energy requirements for the proposed Aquatic Center.

David S. said he was surprised to learn Sandra Guynn was the Chair of NC4 (and the Council of Councils) and appreciated the opportunity to attend the NC4 Zoom meeting where Steve Herrig, Great Falls Park and Recreation Director, spoke about the proposed Aquatic Center. David said he was invited to join the Rec Center Energy Focus Group panel that met via Zoom which included Steve Herrig, Commissioner Mary Moe, and Tim Peterson, LP&W lead architect for the Aquatic Center, among the panelists. David said Tim Peterson was willing to walk CCE through LP&W's design which is LEED compliant but won't be a LEED certified project because it would be too expensive. LP&W does plan to design the Aquatic Center so future additions to the Aquatic Center could make it LEED certified if the City of Great Falls wanted to make the additions. Rich said LEED certification is all about energy efficiency.

Shannon Wilson invited everyone to the in-person Neighborhood Council 9 meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11th at 7 p.m. Shannon said locating the Aquatic Center at Lions Park is on the Agenda for that meeting.

**New Business:**

**Legal:** Rich declared victory in the challenge to the publication of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Secret Science" rule in the last days of the Trump Administration - the rule would have diminished the role of science in decisions affecting the environment and the health of Americans. Rich said Judge Brian Morris ruled in favor of the Environmental Defense Fund, Montana Environmental Information Center, and Citizens for Clean Energy case against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Rich said articles on the litigation were posted on the new CCE website.

**Nominations Committee:** Kathy G. presented a slate of nominees for the CCE Steering Team / 2021 Board of Directors for the Secretary of State Annual Report. Kathy noted she spoke to all the nominees and everyone agreed to serve on the Steering Team. The nominations: Richard Liebert, Chair; Robert Nicholson, Vice Chair; Mary Nicholson, Treasurer; Kathleen Gessaman, Secretary; Aart Dolman, Director; Michael Enk, Director; Ken Palisin, Director; David Saslav, Director; and Shannon Wilson, Director. **Melissa Smith moved to accept the slate of nominees as presented. Lita Sharone seconded the motion.** Rich called for discussion. David asked about nominees who were not present at the meeting. Kathy said Aart was not comfortable with Zoom technology and would attend CCE meetings when they are held in person. **Rich called the question and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Reports:**

**Government:** Rich reminded everyone to stay informed about current legislation. Check out Montana Legislature's Homepage <https://leg.mt.gov/> where you can find more information on remote participation in the upcoming Legislature, Bill Search, Legislator Search, Session Information, and Revenue and Budget Information, and where to click to Watch/Listen to all meetings. Call (406) 444-4800 for more information.

The next CCE, Inc. Zoom meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7 p.m. It's a week early so plans for the Virtual Science Fair could be finalized.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

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

- TBD – House/Senate Energy committee hearings, MT legislature, <https://leg.mt.gov/>
- Feb 11 – Neighborhood Council 9 meeting (Aquatic Center)
- Mar 2 – CCE, Inc. Zoom meeting at 7 p.m.
- Mar 9 – Great Falls College MSU Regional Science & Engineering Fair - Virtual Science Fair

**Update:** The next CCE, Inc. Zoom meeting will be held March 2, 2021 at 7 p.m. Watch your email for Zoom meeting instructions. Please email agenda items to Rich L. at [wwranch@3rivers.net](mailto:wwranch@3rivers.net).

***“What people say, what people do, and what they say they do are entirely different things”***  
- Margaret Mead