

Citizens for Clean Energy, Inc. (CCE)

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Minutes for April 13, 2021 Meeting

Location: Zoom Meeting in Great Falls, Montana

Welcome: Rich Liebert, Chair, called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Thirteen CCE, Inc. supporters were present at the Zoom meeting; a quorum was present. Kudos to David Saslav and Melissa Smith for setting up the Zoom meeting. Rich read Rachel Carlson's quote, "The human race is challenged more than ever before to demonstrate our mastery, not over nature but of ourselves." The group discussed Rachel's impact on the world.

Secretary: Kathy Gessaman briefly covered the March 2, 2021 CCE meeting minutes. **Mary Nicholson moved to accept the March 2, 2021 CCE, Inc. electronically distributed minutes; Lita Sharone seconded.** Rich called for discussion; there was none. **The motion passed.**

Treasurer: Mary Nicholson, reported on CCE's financial status. Mary said check #1036 for \$100 awarded to Nicole cleared but the other two checks #1035 to Claire for \$80 and #1037 to Kameron for \$20 had not yet been cashed. Mary noted Blackbaud Giving Fund donated \$75 to CCE and no donor was listed; Blackbaud Giving Fund sent all necessary tax receipts to the anonymous donor. **Kathy Gessaman moved to approve the treasurer's report and Shannon Wilson seconded; the motion passed.**

CCE Website/Communications: Please visit the new CCE, Inc. website for the latest updates on CCE activities. <https://www.ccemontana.org/>

The original CCE website address continues to be active as an archive along with current 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.

Unfinished Business:

Energy Sustainability Committee: Rich noted Shannon Wilson was quoted in an April 9, 2021 *Tribune* article by Nicole Girten about the "Concerns raised over energy efficiency of aquatic center design at Council 9 meeting." Shannon mentioned the Chair of NC9, Barney Danisefsky, said that the design and location of the center was not endorsed only the concept of the center. Shannon said her council agreed that the center designers should look into incorporating solar into the center to "make the facility cheaper to run in the future." Read the article on the CCE website under "News of Interest."

Ken Thornton said he had a good talk with Tom Coburn, Senior Mechanical Engineer at Morrison-Maierle (a subcontractor for LP&W Architects). Ken thought Tom was receptive to the idea of using a hot water roof-top solar system using plastic pipes to heat the aquatics center and Tom asked for more information on the Albuquerque, NM municipal pools that use solar heat [see <https://www.cabq.gov/municipaldevelopment/renewable-energy/solar-projects/solar-thermal-water-heater-at-city-pools/>]. Ken said the aquatic center's plant needs about 200 kw of energy and hopes the design will shoot for 100% renewables in the new building. Ken said Tim Peterson with LP&W might be willing to set up the design to add on a realistic solar system if the City balks at funding the solar system initially. The group had a discussion on how to convince the City to use solar on the aquatics center from the start. David agreed to talk to Commissioner Mary Moe about finding grant money for solar additions. Ken T. said he would continue to work with Tom on using renewable energy in the center, and Rich agreed to try to talk to Tim Peterson, President of LPW Architecture about getting their LEED "scorecard" on the aquatic center project to date.

Virtual Science Fair 2021: Mike Enk, Chair of the SIP Science Fair Committee, said he had received an email from Amanda Nix, the Science Fair coordinator at Sunburst School, letting him know they had received the award certificates and money from CCE and appreciated CCE's generosity and Mike's feedback on the projects. The group thanked Mike for all his work on the Science Fair.

New Business:

Membership - Facebook Proposal: Rich said Jason Kunz, with Speaking Socially, was unavailable for the meeting. Shannon Wilson volunteered to set up a CCE Facebook page. Shannon said it would take about 20 hours at zero (monetary) cost to create a Facebook page. **Rich Liebert moved to authorize a CCE Facebook page with Shannon Wilson as administrator, David Saslav as assistant administrator, and Melissa Smith as an editor. Lita Sharone seconded.** Discussion: Shannon said she would need CCE's 501(c)3 information and Kathy said to let her know what she required. **The motion passed.**

David Saslav moved that after CCE established a Facebook page CCE would spend up to \$50/month for two months to boost the Facebook page. Ken Palsin seconded. There was no additional discussion. **The motion passed.**

Reports:

Grassroots: Rich encouraged people to support Montana Public Radio for their spring fundraising drive, noting he was on the board of KGPR, FM89.9. Rich said KGPR is now the only local media to report local activities for no charge including the meeting time and place of the Neighborhood Council meetings.

Government: Rich reminded the group that SB 379 was up for a vote and this bill could force NorthWestern Energy customers to pay more than \$1 billion. Please check the CCE website under Breaking News for the link to MEIC's Legislature Bill Tracker page for a very convenient way to send a message to your legislators about several troublesome bills coming up for a vote. Melissa said there would be a rally on the Central Bridge to protest SB 379 on Wednesday, April 14th from noon to 12:30 p.m. sponsored by Great Falls Rising.

Check out Montana Legislature's Homepage <https://leg.mt.gov/> where you can find more information on remote participation in the Legislature Session, 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, May 11, 2021 at 7 p.m. Watch your email for Zoom meeting instructions. Please email agenda items to Rich L. at wwranch@3rivers.net.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 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, 406-444-4800, <https://leg.mt.gov/>
- Apr 20 – City Commission Proclamation for Earth Day
- May 11 – CCE, Inc. Zoom meeting at 7 p.m.

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