

Citizens for Clean Energy, Inc. (CCE)

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Minutes for March 11, 2026 Meeting

**Location:** CCE in-person and Zoom meeting at Meadowlark Country Club

**Officers Present:** David Saslav (Chair), Jasmine Miller (Vice Chair), Shannon Wilson (Treasurer)

**Officers Absent:** Melissa Smith (Secretary)

**Steering Team Members Present:** Rich Liebert, Hilary Ransdell-Lewin, Ken Thornton.

**Steering Team Members Absent:** Jeff Griffin, Jeannie Hansen

**Other CCE Supporters Present:** Ron Paulick, Larry Stimac, Sharon Patton-Griffin, Emily Stewart, Francine Perry, Michael Holland, Bill Bules, Shannon Lenz, Dan Wilkinson.

**Welcome:** David Saslav, Chair, called the meeting to order around 6 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance as of March 8, 2026 was \$4,907.45.

**CCE Website/Communications:** Please visit the active CCE, Inc. website for the latest updates on CCE activities at <https://www.ccemontana.org/>. Send articles of general interest and notices about CCE activity to webmaster [GUYNN6@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GUYNN6@GMAIL.COM) with a copy to [INFO@CCEMONTANA.ORG](mailto:INFO@CCEMONTANA.ORG) and one of the Officers. The website or Facebook page will feature links to current events and news of interest.

CCE Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/Great-Falls-Citizens-for-Clean-Energy-CCE-110217491438621/>

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **- Clean Energy Fair (Makenna, MREA)**

Makenna gave a presentation on Clean Energy Fair 2025 in Downtown Great Falls and at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, requesting a decision from CCE at April meeting as to whether to co-sponsor CEF 2026 in Great Falls, or merely take part in a Clean Energy Symposium being held in Bozeman in November 2026.

#### **- Data Center Task Force Feedback**

David, Ken T., and several from GTRC leadership attended the first GFDA Data Center Task Force meeting at Great Falls College. No formal feedback mechanism, but the existence of Vision Net was called out by GFDA; Vision Net was invited to a follow-up DC Task Force session on March 30.

#### **- NWE IRP Public Input**

Sharon distributed a packet of potential messages for IRP input, and described the process for doing so; deadline for comments is March 12, 2026 (24 hours from the CCE Meeting).

#### **- 2026 Science Fair Results**

Shannon shared a trip report; she, Gerry, Emily and David served as judges and had a terrific experience. Prize winning projects list requested.

- Citywide Energy Audit

David reported that the City conducted its citywide energy audit and presented results at a Working Group session. Shannon was asked to investigate whether these results were available on the new City website @ greatfallsmt.gov

- Growth Policy Contributions

David shared that several CCE Supporters made material contributions to Draft 1 of the Growth Policy update: Stuart, Ken T., Jeff among others. A copy of the comments made was requested via PIR from City Planning along with a list of changes in Draft 2 that resulted. [[This “Voices and Views V2.0” segment from March 29, 2026](#) covers this topic.]

Latest draft is found at <http://futuregreatfalls.com/> and other supporting docs at <http://greatfallsmt.gov> → Planning department

- CCE Bylaw Revisions

Stuart Lewin has agreed to review proposed changes to the 2007 Bylaws which were amended but not ratified in 2014. Proposed changes will be presented at the April 2026 Meeting and debated & potentially ratified at the May 2026 Meeting.

**New Business:**

- Writing CCE Op-Eds

Sharon distributed a list of Op-Ed topics which Active Supporters are encouraged to flesh out in the Great Falls Gazette for local newspaper publication. A Committee will be formed to assist in composing, reviewing and submitting these environment- and energy-focused Letters to the Editor.

- New Gmail addresses for officers

In process, do not use [CCE.SECRETARY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CCE.SECRETARY@GMAIL.COM) going forward, as this is now a personal inbox belonging to the former CCE Secretary, Kathy.

The next CCE, Inc. in-person and Zoom meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the Meadow Lark Country Club, 300 Country Club Blvd, Great Falls. Watch your email for Zoom meeting instructions which will be included with the CCE agenda. Please email agenda items to David at [dsaslav@gmail.com](mailto:dsaslav@gmail.com).

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

## **Supplemental Information**

UPCOMING EVENTS: Please check your email, CCE website, and/or Facebook Page for additions or updates.

- City and County Commission Meetings at: <https://greatfallsmt.gov/>; <https://cascadecountymt.gov/>
- April 8, 2026 – CCE in-person and Zoom meeting at 6 p.m. (no-host dinner at Meadow Lark Country Club, 300 Country Club Blvd, Great Falls, at 5 p.m.)

CCE 2026 Monthly Member Meetings are Second Wednesdays for the remainder of 2026:

- Apr. 8, 2026
- May 13, 2026
- Jun. 10, 2026
- Jul. 8, 2026
- Aug. 12, 2026
- Sep. 9, 2026
- Oct. 14, 2026
- Nov. 11, 2026
- (no meeting in December)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84746782220?pwd=3kZzHatTecIDtnkWwmPEONrxOIUcra.1>

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