

New Castle Climate & Environment Commission Minutes

April 16, 2026

Attendees: Commissioner Bruce Leland, Commissioner Ryan Deyarmond, Commissioner Julia Koch, Commissioner Myrna Candraia, Commissioner Kendall Bakich, and Commissioner Nancy Barnes

Vice-Chair Candraia called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Earth Day Promotion and Logistics

Commissioners are posting Earth Day flyers throughout town.

All commissioners confirmed they will attend the Earth Day event. Commissioners should wear their CEC t-shirts and wristbands. Commissioners signed up for day-of assignments.

Plastic Reduction Flyer

Commissioners reviewed the two plastic reduction flyer options.

Motion: Commissioner Deyarmond moved to approve the white background “10 Tips” flyer with revisions to increase the size of the logos and the “10 Tips” title. Commissioner Bakich seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Recycle Guide Updates

Commissioner Leland presented the recycling guide to the commission. The commission recommended several editing and formatting changes. Commissioner Leland will include the recycling guide and plastic reduction flyer in the town’s digital newsletter.

Motion: Commissioner Deyarmond moved to approve the guide with corrections. Commissioner Koch seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Trail Clean-Up Day

Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers is handling all the details of the trail clean-up day, May 9th, from 8am-3pm. Commissioner Koch will have the flyer available for distribution at the Earth Day event. Commissioners who are participating should register on the RFOV website.

CEC Open Seats

There are currently open seats on the CEC commission, which will remain open until filled. The commission thanks outgoing Commissioners Leland and Candraia for their leadership and service to both the CEC and the town.

Approval of March 16th, Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Bakich moved to approve the March 16 minutes. Commissioner Deyarmond seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Barnes invited the CEC to attend a screening of the film *The Pollinator's* on May 5th at 7pm at the Crystal Theater in Carbondale. Commissioner Barnes and Chair Morris attended the *American Southwest* film hosted by Middle Colorado Watershed Coalition

Commissioner Bakich inquired whether communities outside of town limits but connected to the city's water system are subject to the same watering restrictions. Commissioner Leland will follow up with town officials.

Commissioner Deyarmond noted that he will announce the business grant at the next Chamber After Hours event on April 22nd, at 5:30pm. The event is being hosted by West Canyon Nursery.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Nancy Barnes

Commission Chair Sharon Morris