

New Castle Climate and Environment Commission
Minutes for March 20, 2025

Attendees: Commissioner Bruce Leland, Commissioner Myrna Candriea, Commissioner Julia Koch, Chair Sharon Morris

Absent: Commissioner Nancy Barnes and Commissioner Kendall Bakich

Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm

T- shirt Design

Commission Budget to purchase CEC T-shirts to wear at CEC events. The group unanimously agreed on a T-shirt design.

- **Action Item:**
 - Commissioner Koch to order T- shirts

Earth Day Updates

- Trivia questions in order to enter to win compost raffle
- CEC to give out wildflower seeds and water bottles
- Consideration of dividing participants into three areas to included: youth area, “get involved” area, and info
- Plans to have a whiteboard with a Map of participants
- **Action items:**
 - Set up to start at 9:30am
 - Commissioner Leland will bring a tent and banners
 - Commissioner Candriea to assist with a Fire Mitigation Plan
 - Commissioner Leland to make and send flyers out to participants to share with their clients
 - Commissioner Sharon to come up with a pitch
 - Arrange a plan to deliver tables from Community Center
 - Reach out to Wildfire Resource Center in Carbondale
 - Add Earth Day to New Castle’s electronic newsletter
 - Invite participants to network at Drifters

Open Position

- Position open that ends April 2026
- **Action Item:**
 - All - Continue to advocate for a new commissioner

Additional Project Ideas

- Dog waste composting

- Leave no trace signs
- Battery recycling
- FAQ on how to dispose of things on website

Update website

- Mobilizing citizens to be active participants in sustainability

Tom Elder's Tree Planting

- **Action Items:**
 - Ensure a plaque is ready and a location for tree has been arranged prior to ceremony on April 17, 2025

Commissioner Comments

- Assessing interest in a tour of waste management facilities
- Offering community education on Geothermal Energy
- Monthly Environmental Education, possibly at town bingo nights
- RFOV excited to work with us on a trail clean-up day
- **Action Item:**
 - Chair Morris recommends that everyone look at the CEC Plan for Future Action; let's modify and/or update in the coming months

Approve February 20, 2025, minutes

- Motion: Chair Morris moved to Approve the minutes. Commissioner Candreaia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

- Meeting Adjourned 535pm, respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Julia Koch

Commissioner Chair Sharon Morris