

New Castle Climate & Environment Commission
Minutes for April 17, 2025

Attendees: Commissioner Bruce Leland, Commissioner Myrna Candraia, Chair Sharon Morris, Commissioner Kendall Bakich, Commissioner Julia Koch, Commissioner Nancy Barnes

Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteer Trail Clean Up Proposal

- Commissioner Koch discussed the plan for trail clean up day on Burning Mountain in support of the Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteer program. Tasks for the day will include weed dispersal, vegetation restoration, and trash pick-up. The trail clean-up date will be held on Friday, May 30th from 9am- 1pm.
- The commission discussed supplying lunch and donating to Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers.
- Motion: Commissioner Barnes made a motion that the CEC support the trail clean with volunteers, lunch, and a \$500 donation to Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers. Commissioner Bakich seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Action item:**
 - Commissioner Koch and Chair Morris will coordinate the lunch.
 - Commissioner Koch will submit an invoice to the Town of New Castle for the donation amount.

Earth Day Final Details

- Chair Morris ran the commission through the “run of the show” for the day and the group discussed various logistics. Commissioners should refer to the spreadsheet provided for their assignments. The Earth Day event will take place at Burning Mountain Park from 11am-2pm on Saturday, April 26th.

Tee-Shirt Update

- The commission t-shirts have arrived and have been distributed. Commissioner Koch was thanked for her efforts in coordinating the order.

Commission Open Seat

- Chair Morris reminded the commission that there is still one vacant seat available. She encouraged the group to try and recruit candidates at the Earth Day event.

Minutes for March

- Motion: Commissioner Bakich moved to accept, with changes, the minutes of the March 20, 2025, meeting. Commissioner Candraia seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

- Commissioner Leland noted there would be an upcoming educational workshop on geothermal energy. Chair Morris thanked the group for their work planning the Earth Day event.

Items for Future Agenda

- Chair Morris noted that at future meetings the commission would discuss website revision and the grants to businesses.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Nancy Barnes

Commission Chair Sharon Morris