

New Castle Climate & Environment Commission Minutes

January 15, 2026

Attendees: Chair Sharon Morris, Commissioner Deyarmond, Commissioner Julia Koch, Commissioner Candraia, Commissioner Leland, and Commissioner Nancy Barnes

Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Trail Day

Commissioner Koch provided an update on the upcoming trail day project. Waiting on RFOV to approve the trail day project scheduled for May 9 at Talbott Burning Mountain Trail. Looking for funding support from New Castle Trails and RFMBA. Town Manager Dave Reynolds recommends funding come from RFMBA/New Castle Trails with funds already allocated from the town to the group. Reynolds will confirm funding with RFMBA/New Castle Trails.

Energy Symposium

New Castle hosts the statewide Energy and Environment Symposium on April 14-16. Cost is \$355. The conference focuses on the gas and oil industry with speakers. Town Manager Dave Reynolds invited a CEC representative to attend. Commissioner Deyarmond expressed interest in attending.

Graphic Design

Commissioner Koch presented the latest logo and badge updates. The commission agreed they liked the badge on the right. The commission agreed to move forward with the second logo choice with the white sky and ripples on the river. Once received, files will be saved by town staff member Michelle Hulster in the town's "T" drive. The commission will create a stationary template with the new logo to use in any print communications we receive.

Film Screening

Commissioner Barnes updated the commission on the event scheduled for Feb 11.

Action: Commissioner Barnes will create panel discussion questions and send to the panelists ahead of time. Chair Morris will print badges and distribute them at the program. Chair Morris will work on developing a sign-up sheet to get Guardians of Nature volunteers.

Earth Day

Chair Morris sent save the dates to last year's participants for this year's April 25th Earth Day event at Burning Mountain Park. Commissioners provided input on other vendors to invite. Commissioner Leland suggested modifying the composting service giveaway.

Action: Chair Morris will investigate reserving alternative locations in the event of inclement weather. Chair Morris will submit paperwork to reserve the park. Commissioner Deyarmond will approach West Canyon

Nursery about participating.

Business Grants

Chair Morris presented an updated business grant application. Commissioner Deyarmond will attend the January and February Chamber After Hours events to promote business grant applications. Business grants due March 13th. Award notification will be at end of March. Reimbursement deadline end of July.

Approval of December 18th Minutes

Motion: Commissioner Deyarmond moved to approve. Commissioner Candeia seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments

Chair Morris asked for topics for next meeting. Commissioner Leland suggested reviewing the CEC budget, finalize Earth Day plans, discuss fundraising for the bee mural project, and debrief on the film program.

Chair Morris presented the CEC's work to the town council. Town Council was pleased with the work the CEC accomplished in the past year. Chair Morris noted that the Council was supportive of the bee mural but suggested they wouldn't be able to contribute much to the cause.

Commissioner Leland noted the approaching election day and encouraged Commissioners to consider running for Town Council.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Nancy Barnes

Commission Chair Sharon Morris