



Environmental Advisory Board
Regular Environmental Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, August 7, 2024
3:30 PM
130 Kearns Road
Small Conference Room

The meeting may be viewed by going to: [Town Meeting Media Center | Snowmass Village, CO - Official Website \(tosv.com\)](https://www.tosv.com), available archives then Environmental Advisory Board.

1. ROLL CALL

The Board Members Present, Jake Lapp, Rebecca Paschal, Morgan Fixel, Mike Steiner, Andrew Wickes, Joseph Goodman.

Board Members Absent: Shashi Neerukonda

Staff and General Public: Greg LeBlanc; Asst. Town Manager, Sam Guarino: Transit Director, Darrell Smith: Snowmass Water and Sanitation, Barb Peckler; Secretary

Rebecca began the meeting by reading about the intentions for the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.a) June 2024 EAB Meeting Minutes

[06-04-24 EAB Minutes.pdf](#) 

Rebecca motioned to Approve the June 4th, 2024 minutes, and Morgan seconded. All in favor.

3. C.O.R.E. UPDATE

- CORE has hired a new director of Climate Programs, Jamie Beau, and is starting full-time in August.
- Work is being done to create a full-service building performance hub for the Tri-County region.
- CORE is doing work on the back end so in 2025 they can launch a more full-service model.
- The Town of Snowmass electrification study will be presented to the board soon

4. H.C.E. UPDATE

- Holy Cross is moving forward with its renewable energy goal of 100%. Last month they had some hours at 80% with the wind farm online.
- Several projects are moving forward: Micro grid at ABC, financing for converting to heat pumps

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5a) Review Survey Responses

- Board members discussed what they felt were the main takeaways from the survey and how to move forward with this issue.

Survey responses

Nice idea but maybe the board should focus on something more important

Electric does not have the power as a gas

Life of battery before it needs recharging

- Discussion continued with several options suggested:
 - Maybe the board should do more research: talk to a landscaping company that is using electric equipment.
 - See if the Council would approve an Ordinance to ban gas-powered 2-stroke engines.

The final decision was to keep this idea in the running and wait until the board discusses the other issues they have been working on.

5b) Review the Sustainability Plan

Joseph and Morgan presented composting and building Code. The information presented is something Morgan and Joseph worked on and it's something the board can use as a jumping-off point. Morgan suggested Ashley from the City of Aspen present to the board what Aspen has enacted for composting and get feedback. Ashley and Joseph feel strongly about the Town composting and construction trash and would like to find a way to have the Town Council make some improvements. Anne Martens, Public Works director, would need to speak with the board explaining what the issues are and what has been done to address this issue.

The conversation shifted to the Faraway Road closure. Greg explained that the need for the construction was dictated by Snowmass Water and Sanitation. Initially, they planned to only address their water line issues, necessitating another road closure for other utility repairs. However, Anne Martens advocated for coordinating the work across all utilities to minimize disruptions. While Snowmass Water and Sanitation determines the timing of water line repairs, their cooperation with other utilities has made this simultaneous project possible. Joseph continued the discussion explaining the handout provided to the board. (handout attached to this set of minutes for your review).

Mike and Jake presented Tackling Emissions in the Built Environment

They presented a PowerPoint attached to the minutes. They focused on emissions in the built environment, thinking post-construction, and the energy efficiency of the building. Looking specifically at Snowmass you can see, that building energy accounts for 74.3% of the emissions in Snowmass. Their presentation is pretty data-heavy because they think the data does speak for itself.

Mike stated Holy Cross does have a road map on how to reduce the 45k from residential and commercial electricity. CORE suggested starting with a building performance study on Multifamily units. You would need one year to create a benchmark for BPS. CORE is also working on facilitating the fuel switching projects and incentives. Other ideas they mentioned were the feasibility studies for ground source heat exchange and the continued work on the Micro-grid.

The Fire and Water discussion is moved to the next meeting.

At the next meeting the final topic will be discussed. After that the board must decide which issues would have the greatest impact on reaching the 2030 goal. Board discussed options on how best to proceed with these issues.

6. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

Continue discussing the Sustainability Plan and vote on which item to move forward with.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024 3:30 pm

8. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

9. ADJOURNMENT