



Environmental Advisory Board
Regular Environmental Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, July 5, 2023
3:30 PM
130 Kearns Road
Small Conference Room

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Joseph Goodman, Ryland French, Andrew Wickes, Mike Steiner. Morgan Fixel arrived late.

Board Members Absent: Chris Tullar, Kirby Jacobs,

Staff and Guests present: Darrell Smith-Water Resource Manager for Snowmass Water and Sanitation; Cassidy Myers- Summer Intern with CORE

Staff: Sam Guarino, Greg LeBlanc

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. a May 2023 EAB Minutes

[05-02-23 EAB Minutes.pdf](#)

Andrew Wickes motioned to approve the May 2nd Minutes, Ryland French seconded. All in favor.

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Darrell Smith, Snowmass Water and Sanitation's new Water Resource Manager was introduced and welcomed by the Board. As a guest, Darrell will join future meetings to provide input on different issues and to stay informed on the Town's projects.

3.a CORE Partnership

Working from the direction of staff, Greg and Ryland collaborated to develop a plan to move the Town forward to reach the 2030 goals. The outcome was an agreement proposing a partnership between the Town and CORE. Ryland created a Scope of Work outlining the work CORE could provide to the Town. The staff and the Town Manager approved the partnership agreement.

Ryland explained the main points of the SOW to the Board.

1. Residential and Commercial Energy Efficiency Grant Program:

Working off a successful program, CORE will advise community members of the financial assistance available to encourage energy-efficient options. CORE will also be working with potential developers with a more significant impact.

2. Building Electrification Study:

This came from previous discussions where the Board stated this was a high priority. CORE will conduct a study identifying potential buildings that, with modifications, could significantly impact reduction. They will also assist in finding Federal and State grants to offset expenses.

CORE is open to input and discussion. This Agreement will be presented to Council at the next meeting for their approval.

Joseph suggested the Board consider why the electrification is not happening fast enough. Is it due to cost or lack of available service providers?

Potential projects CORE could start with;

Look at Base Village switching from Natural Gas to ground source heat pumping, keep the discussions going with Block Power working with Snowmass Housing Authority, continue to look at the workforce study, and review options on how best to market the grant program for residents.

The Scope of work is simple, but this is the best way to get started.

For more details, the complete partnership agreement is attached to the minutes.

Morgan joined the meeting.

Greg asked the Board if this is the direction they want to go and if they approve of this partnership.

Board discussed the proposal and approved unanimously.

3. b Meeting Frequency

The Board discussed the pros and cons of having monthly vs. quarterly meetings. The Board voted on keeping the meetings monthly to continue with consistency.

4. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Composting options- Commercial/Residential

- Marketing for composting- Survey those that participated in the pilot program to find out the good and bad.

2 Install more water refilling stations, possibly at Clarks, Town Park, and Base Village.

- How do you get people to stop buying plastic water bottles? Darrell from Water and Sanitation would love to work with the Town to get this message out. He will return for the Aug meeting with more information on this topic.

3. Joseph would like to start looking at daylighting the streams in Snowmass Village.

2. CORE UPDATE-

- CORE is seeing a lot of heat pump projects and would like to see more in luxury homes and employee housing.
- Adopting a new strategic plan that defines CORE's identity has been helpful.
- They hired a new Public Relations and Marketing Manager.
- Benchmarking in Aspen is doing well.
- CORE is working with the regional efforts and leading the Climate Goal group.
- They have done follow-ups since the International Mountain Foundation Summit to keep the suggested actions active.
- CORE has hosted several public energy efficiency programs: The climate-conscious kitchen, Farm Collaborative, Marble Distillery, the Most sustainable distillery, Art of Architecture, and more. All seminars are free and open to the public.

3. HCE Update

- On track to reach 100% renewable energy by 2030, they will be at 80-90% by next year.
- The rate structure has been put on pause until after the first of the year.

4. NEXT MEETING DATE

August 1st

5. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 5:05 pm