

**ROCC Annual Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2015
(Revised 12-13-15)**

Goal Setting Session - Rachel Zatterstrom

Purpose: To help ROCC set goals for 2016

Issues that ROCC members said they would like to work on in 2016.

1. Renewable Energy (in top three)
2. Affordable Housing (top issue)
3. Water - quality, quantity, education
4. Fire Mitigation - change local land use code, education, forming a plan
5. Ouray County Master Plan changes
6. Climate change - education (in top three)
7. San Juan Wilderness Act
8. OHV legislation
9. Fossil Fuel Extraction

Approve minutes from 09-16-15:

Rein van West made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes and Chris Pike seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Announcements:

1. ROCC Spaghetti Dinner and Citizen of the Year Award - February 20th at the Ouray Community Center
2. ROCC General Meeting - January 21 at the Ridgway Community Room
3. Need ROCC Representative on WCC Board

Rich Niemeier volunteered. Tom McKenney made a motion to appointed Rich Niemeier as ROCC's Representative to the WCC Board. Dave Jones seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Al Lowande will continue as ROCC's alternate representative to the WCC Board.

4. UWP's movie was shown

Treasurer's Report - Scott Williams

ROCC has \$24,021.43 in its bank accounts. The year-to-date income is \$16,942.48 and

the year-to-date expenses are \$12,663.70. This resulted in a year-to-date net income of \$4,278.78.

2016 Draft Budget:

After much discussion about increasing the \$100 budgeted for travel expenses for ROCC leadership training in 2016 Al Lowande made a motion to add a budget item called "Leadership Training" in the amount \$1,000. Robyn Cascade seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Scott then stated that WCC's Officer and Director Liability Insurance no longer covers ROCC, so ROCC needs to get its own liability policy. Robyn Cascade made a motion to have Scott research and purchase liability insurance for ROCC's leaders and volunteers. Tom McKenney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

After discussion about a ROCC mass community mailing Dave Jones made a motion that funds should be set aside for a community mailer to all Ouray County residents. Barb Parrish seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Tabled Motion from September Meeting "Should ROCC discontinue charging a \$5.00 non-member fee at ROCC Talks?"

After much discussion Rein van West made a motion that ROCC should continue collecting a \$5.00 non-member fee at the ROCC Talks and reevaluate the fee next year. Dave Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The 2015 ROCC Talks had about 280 attendees and collected \$795 from non-members and new members.

ROCC Committee Reports:

Roze Evans summarized ROCC accomplishments in 2015, which included:

1. Forming a new Social Justice Committee (aka Affordable Housing Committee)
2. Managing recycling and composting program for Ridgway's Concerts in the Park series
3. Various ROCC members being very active on WCC regional committees
4. Spaghetti Dinner
5. Spring Parking Lot Sale
6. Summer Potluck Picnic
7. 14 ROCC members working on the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup
8. Many ROCC members volunteering to help with the Ouray Ice Park Festival
9. Five ROCC Talks
10. Worked traffic control for the Ice Festival and earned \$1,000 for ROCC (added by

Rich Niemier from the floor).

Awards/Grants - Dave Jones

The committee has received two \$500 grant requests. One from the Ridgway Food Pantry and the other from the Ouray County Cares. The committee has discretion to make up to \$1,500 in grants or awards each year.

In 2015 the committee awarded \$500 to the UWP for its River Festival

Land Use - Tom McKenney

On January 5 the Ouray County Planning Commission will be holding a workshop on the County's Master Plan in the Land Use Office on Mall Road.

On January 26 the BOCC will hold a public meeting about the land use code clean up.

Social Justice - Dick Engdahl & Al Lowande

Committee members will be meeting with Ridgway City Council members to talk to them about building affordable housing in Ridgway.

Al Lowande wants to get the DVD of a play entitled "Do You Know Who Am I" and show it in Ridgway.

Rein van West made a motion to have the committee purchase the DVD and show it in Ridgway. Robyn Cascade seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ROCC Talks - Jen Parker

Possible ROCC Talk topics/speakers for next year include:

1. Bio & Ag effects of climate change
2. Ralph Tingey film
3. Doug Peacock (\$3,000)
4. Do You Know Who Am I? film
5. ColoradoCare Yes Initiative
6. Craig Childs
7. Ouray County Master Plan
8. Affordable Housing

It was suggested that the committee look for speakers at Colorado State University's Speakers Bureau.

WCC Report:

Food & Agriculture Issues Committee - Robyn Cascade

This is a new WCC committee.

The committee will be meeting with the CDPHE and working on a local food procurement policy for local organizations.

The committee will also work on a number of issues such as growing good meat, country of origin labeling, and GMOs.

Public Lands - Rein van West

There is a possibility that wolves will be reintroduced into southern Colorado.

The BLM's draft Uncompahgre Resource Management Plan is scheduled to be released in the first quarter of 2016. Then there will be a 90 day comment period and seven public hearings will be held, one of which will be in Ridgway. There will not be a travel management plan until the final RMP is adopted. The travel management plan will be probably be a five plus year process.

The Mountains to Mesa National Forest Resource Management Plan will be revamped. This plan covers the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests. This maybe a three to four year process. The concept is to make a plan that integrates resources, management practices, services and more.

We need to make sure that the proposed Sneffels wilderness lands continue to be managed as wilderness to keep alive the San Juan Wilderness Act currently introduced in the U.S. Senate.

WORC Report:

The Collapse of Coal

WORC's overall theory of winning on coal issues over a period of many years is to hold the industry accountable for its external costs, including health impacts of pollution, environmental damages due to mining and coal combustion wastes like coal ash, accounting for climate change, not subsidizing expensive and unproven new coal conversion technologies to bolster a declining industry, and not underwriting coal exports.

The big coal companies in the Powder River Basin are Alpha, Arch, Cloud Peak Energy and Peabody.

Self-bonding for reclamation costs is proving disastrous.

The coal industry is collapsing because of the following factors: the assumption of too much debt with respect to metallurgical coal, European decarbonization, the slow down of the Asian economies, and increasing renewable energy competitiveness.

As a result of the coal collapse, coal companies are declaring bankruptcy, restructuring debt, and raiding pension plans and worker's health benefits for money.

There needs to be a push to build resilient economies to sustain communities heavily dependent on coal. Ways to do this include: reclamation of mined lands, ending self-bonding practices, supporting initiatives for coal communities where coal companies have abandoned their responsibilities, using legal means, if necessary to hold coal companies accountable, and engaging in partnerships to build resilient economies.

New Business:

Should ROCC support WCC's Living Wage Resolution that was passed at the WCC annual meeting?

WCC is considering active support for a statewide measure to raise the minimum wage in 2016. The final decision will be made once the details of the measure are finalized, but in September WCC members attending the WCC annual meeting passed a resolution in favor of a living wage for all workers in Colorado.

Scott Williams made a motion that ROCC support WCC's Living Wage Resolution. Dave Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Should ROCC contribute \$2,500 to help support our WCC organizer?

Tom McKenney made a motion that ROCC should contribute \$2,500 to WCC to help support the WCC Organizer for ROCC, Rachel Zatterstrom. Howard Green seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A drawing for four door prizes was then held.

Meeting was adjourned.