

Minutes of The
Membership Business Meeting
Ridgway Ouray Community Council
October 13, 2022

Members Present:	Kate Kellogg	Rich Niemeier
	Don Swartz	Vicki Huggins
	Scott Williams	Anthony Geguaff
	Austin Ray	Val Szwarc
	Roze Evans	Diane Thompson
	Al Lowande	Rein Van West
	Carolyn Ray	
Secretary:	Linda Browning	

The meeting was called to order by Vicki Huggins. She introduced Kristen Williams with the Ridgway Fire Department Board. Ms. Williams reviewed the increase in activity for the fire department in recent years and encouraged members to vote YES on the upcoming election to increase the mill levy to increase funding for the fire department. Following a question and answer session, Ms. Williams was thanked for her work on behalf of the fire department.

Upon motion by Al Lowande with a second by Anthony Geguaff the minutes of the meeting held May 19, 2022 were approved as presented.

Anthony Geguaff next gave the Treasurer's Report. He advised members that ROCC had an inflow of \$8,615.58 and an outflow of \$11,742.18 through October 11, 2022. ROCC currently has a net worth of \$40,549.93.

Kate Kellogg moved that the treasurer open a checking account with Live Oak Bank in order to facilitate transfers between the Alpine Bank checking account and the savings account with Live Oak Bank and be authorized to transfer amounts over \$5,000 in the Alpine Bank account to the savings account. With a second by Anthony Geguaff, the motion carried with one no vote by Al Lowande.

Committee Reports

Grants Committee: Vicki Huggins asked for approval for a grant request made by the Home Trust of Ouray County. Following discussion, Roze Evans moved to approve the request for \$1,000. Upon a second by Rein Van West, the motion was approved.

Clean Energy: Rein Van West reported that the committee met in mid-August. He advised the members of the establishment of the Ridgway Town Sustainability

Committee. The scope and membership of this town committee has yet to be determined. Dave Jones along with 3 other members made a presentation to the Ridgway Town Council for the town to be all electric by 2030. No formal action was taken. Rein further let members know of the subcommittee working on being electric readiness for the town and the county.

Public Lands: Diane Thompson reported on the status of the Save the Blues campaign with the forest service formulating and implementing restrictions on use going forward. She asked members for issues to be covered into 2023.

Land Use: Scott Williams updated the members on the following issues:

1. Request for mining in the valley zone was denied
2. CR5 litigation on appeal with oral arguments on November 15
3. Continues to monitor Town of Ridgway land use code
4. Need representative from Ouray to monitor their land use code

Scott advised the members that a consulting firm had been hired by Town of Ridgway to advise update to the town's master plan.

Dark Skies: Val Szarc highlighted the following:

1. A successful ROCC talk was attended by 35 individuals on Dark Skies at the Top of the Pines on September 16.
2. He had recently given a talk on Dark Skies to the Telluride Schools. It was well received and he was asked to give more talks.
3. The Ridgway Library is now compliant with Dark Sky rules.

Membership: Austin Ray handed out a spreadsheet showing current memberships of 140 representing 235 individuals. From the earlier mailing 17 new memberships were obtained and from the Not Spaghetti Dinner 10 new memberships were opened.

Linda Browning reported on the success of the Not Spaghetti Dinner and will provide a full report to the board in the upcoming weeks.

Roze Evans provided an update on the officer positions up for election in 2023. She further identified which positions would expire at the end of 2023. This list of positions, term of office and year of election is to be maintained by the secretary.

The annual meeting will be held in person in early December. Once a location is determined, a date will be posted.

The meeting was adjourned.