

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ROCC
HELD MARCH 25, 2021

Members Present: Kate Kellogg
Vickie Huggins
Al Lowande
Scott Williams
Roze Evans
Austin Ray

The minutes of the January meeting were unanimously approved.

Jeriel Clark, WCA Political and Organizing Director, gave members an update on state legislature bills WCA's Legislative Committee is monitoring.
(See document.)

She described the series of webinars WCA is presenting, "We Are the Change." These bi-weekly webinars, 5 to 6 pm Thursday usually focus on three legislative bills. They bring in outside people who are knowledgeable about the bills. All WCA organization members should receive an email with a Zoom link prior to each webinar.

At the meeting she preceded her explanation of the bills with a brief Civics 101 on how a bill (at the state level) becomes law.

WCA's recommended action on these bills includes emailing your district's legislator or a member of the committee considering the bill.

WCA's top priority is the Suicide prevention bill which was written by WCA members

The Outdoor Equity Fund may be the topic of the May Business Meeting's mini-ROCC Talk. Gabriel Otero, of the Denver office of the Wilderness Society, will present.

Treasurer's Report – unanimously approved.

Scott mentioned that ROCC needs to spend some of its money on worthy grant causes.

Land Use Committee – Scott Williams noted that the BOCC will soon be selecting a new Ouray County attorney. That will be done in executive session. The other important item the BOCC will begin work on this year is the county's updating of the Master Plan.

Vicki proposed the Grants Committee consider a donation to the Ouray County Food Pantry to help fund their purchase of a permanent facility, the building in Ridgway Industrial Park. The Pantry needs \$365,000 and has raised \$235,000.

Scott suggested that Dave Jones (not present at the meeting), chair of the Grants Committee, contact the director of the Food Pantry and provide her with the grant application form to complete and submit to the Grants Committee. No action will be taken on the Food Pantry donation suggestion until the committee receives the amount the Food Pantry requests. Scott also noted that ROCC might donate toward information materials at Blue Lakes trailhead. Al mentioned that the Nordic Council could use some help funding a permanent toilet facility at Ironton Park so ROCC might want to reserve some funds for that.

Members agreed that ROCC's July 15 meeting should be a "Coming Out Party" picnic for all members at an outdoor location, either the Soccer Park pavilion or the shelter area at Inspiration Point on Log Hill. Al and Roze will check with the HOA to make sure that date is available to use the facility.

The next ROCC Business meeting will be May 20.

NOTE: Others may have been in attendance at this meeting, but a list of attendees was not taken.