



Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2011, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Centennial Hall, Rms 113-114

- I. Call to Order / YVSC Mission: Angela Ashby
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of [Minutes from July 6, 2011](#) Monthly Meeting.
 - a. Motion – Kyleigh DiMicco
 - b. 2nd – Carol Lacey
- VI. Partner Updates
 - A. Yampa Valley Partners/GEO
 - i. The GEO is developing goals for the State of Colorado that will build on the success of the past administration's New Energy Economy platform by evaluating these successes and to accomplish five essential goals by June 2012:
 - 1. Unlock potential investment by eliminating the barriers to residential energy efficiency financing. We need to make sure that energy efficiency improvements are valued in the home sales markets by instituting a standard process for evaluating and documenting the energy performance of single family homes.
 - 2. Increase the adoption of compressed natural gas (CNG). This is a key component of a balanced energy portfolio for transportation fuels.
 - 3. Boost the energy innovation in the State of Colorado. Conduct and publish analysis of the innovation ecosystem in the State's energy sector, identify the strengths, the gaps, the weaknesses, and create a plan for evaluating the State's role in addresses them.
 - 4. Increase energy literacy. We need to ensure that all Coloradans: the public, policymakers and elected officials, are informed and able to engage in productive conversations regarding individual energy choices and our state's energy policy.
 - 5. To develop and deliver a plan for a balanced energy portfolio. Through a stakeholder engagement process, we will work to develop an energy portfolio to promote sustainable economic development by advancing the State's energy market and industry, folding the New Energy Economy into a Balanced Energy Portfolio of 1/3 coal, 1/3 natural gas, and 1/3 renewable energy.
 - ii. Colorado State University Extension Offers Energy Masters Program
 - iii. Building Green & Green Building Seminar, August 17 & 18 at The Steamboat Grand
 - iv. Northwest Colorado Oil & Gas Symposium, September 7 5:30-9:00p.m. co hosted with Community Agriculture Alliance
 - v. Regional Recycle forum in September details forthcoming as YVR requested a different date for the event.
 - vi. 5:05 Program topic for August will be 101 Recycling
 - B. Community Ag Alliance
 - i. Northwest Colorado Oil & Gas Symposium, September 7 5:30-9:00p.m. co hosted with Yampa Valley Partners
 - ii. 8th Annual Routt County Horse Shoe Pitching Contest 8/20
 - iii. Update on local ag conditions, best growing season since 1914, rain needs to hold off to bale hay.
- VII. Open Forum

- A. Diane Mitsch Bush encourages all to go to <http://www.co.routt.co.us/sections.php?op=viewarticle&artid=81075> agendas/meetings and become aware of Routt County Fracking issues, oil and gas permits, and road and bridges issues.
- B. Kyleigh DeMicco's update on new Sustainable Business levels launched on July 1. www.steamboat-chamber.com/ for details.
- C. Josh Nash from Homelink Magazine looking for ideas for the next issue.
- D. Catherine Carson from YVR hoping to move forward with Zero Waste fee on plastic bags.

VIII. Old Business

- A. YVSC Sub-Committee Reports as available
 - 1. Zero Waste – farmer's market and free concerts and looking for volunteers 0 waste is not 0 cost we need to have ownership of event holders to pay for this great program encourage and buy into this program support and perpetuate the program volunteers needed to the markets and free concerts October West September 17th, routt county fair 4h kids are working that event bbq is 0 waste, chilli cook off see andy's report, rotary barn dance always looking for funding for our biggest programs
 - 2. Talking Green – Creating Non-Toxic Homes & Environments
August 23, 2011
5:00-6:30 p.m.
Location Smokehouse
 - 3. Sustainable Schools Reg meetings will start in August. Getting money for reusable trays and this year reusable silverware
 - 4. Green Building – Seminar Building Sciences
 - 5. Financials YVSC had \$90k budget lack of funding resulted in only \$60k
- B. Other - People, power, politics & planning for 2012 and beyond with CEC's Coalition Lobbyist
 - a. Sasha Nelson, Northwest Organizer, Introductions staff from Denver office are here.
 - b. Beka Wilson, Development Director - CEC organizational membership and YVSC benefits of being members - access to the Lobbyist and the policy process is ONE of those benefits!
 - c. Patrick Massaro, Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator - CEC's volunteer program/outreach and interest in working with folks in Steamboat area. CEC looking to increase statewide footprint reach out to membership and concerned citizens heard by their elected officials education is a big part.
 - d. Randy Moorman, Coalition Lobbyist - why legislation is important, why YVSC should engage and how YVSC can engage in the process. Reminder of the time to take the group through a legislative goal-setting and planning process, answer any questions.

IX. New Business

- A. 2011 Programs/Events/Partnerships
- B. Other

Next meeting September 7, 2011 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., **Citizen's Hall**