

Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Agenda



Tuesday, December 2, 2025

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5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL Dana Ivers, Dave Jones, David Kehmeier, Kristina Lemon, Sheridan Ribbing, Terry Schuyler

ITEMS

1. Update on Application to Local Implementation, Mitigation, and Policy Action (Local IMPACT) Accelerator Grant Program
2. Finalization of projects/initiatives to recommend to Town Council for the 2026 work plan.
3. Approval of minutes from the November 11, 2025 meeting

ADJOURNMENT

SAB 2026 WORK PLAN

Work Item	Description	Lead	Goals	Budget Proposal
Net-Zero 2030	Assist the Town with evaluating, planning and implementing projects intended to advance the Town's commitment and goal to achieve net-zero carbon emissions for all municipal operations by 2030.	Dave K	• Finish fossil fuel inventory • Update roadmap • Complete the following pilot projects: ○ Replace 2 string trimmers with electric ○ Replace 1 riding mower with electric ○ Replace 1 Pub Works pickup with EV ▪ Town Council agreed on PHEV and this is included in town budget already ○ Replace 1 heating system with Cold Climate Heat Pump ○ Replace 1 water heater with Heat Pump Water Heater	Covered by IMPACT grant
Local IMPACT Accelerator Grant	Assist the Town, as needed, with planning and implementing the tasks in the Local IMPACT Accelerator Grant, if awarded.		• TBD; announcing awards mid-December • Goal of IMPACT grant is Net-Zero 2030, so will cover above first	5% match ~ \$25k (constrained budget) ~ \$94k (standard budget) ~ \$199k (vision budget)
Town and Community Electrification	Encourage the Town to adopt a requirement for all new construction to be all-electric and assist with public outreach and education associated with that initiative.	Dave J	• Research the impacts (positive and negative) of all-electric building codes and develop fact sheet for education and outreach. • Develop fact sheet with economics for all-electric construction to use for education and outreach • Conduct education and outreach for all-electric residential building. • Consider holding a Brats and Kilowatts event with SMPA to encourage town residents sign up for Totally Green	Covered by IMPACT grant - EAP has a budget to help Town of Ridgway to do this specific outreach

Event and Festival Waste Reduction	Develop and propose a “zero waste” policy to be adopted by the Town that would apply to all events and festivals, and work with organizers and vendors to ensure that they adhere to the requirements and guidelines in said policy to maximize composting and recycling.	Dave K/ Dana	• Create <u>zero waste policy</u> and distribute to event organizers and vendors; require vendors to use compostable materials • Simplify and improve trash/compost/recycling monitoring and collection at major events. • Eliminate the use of plastics. • Encourage/ require the use of reusable aluminum cups. ○ Investigate the sale of reusable, commemorative cups. • Use the Ridgway Concert Series to pilot these solutions.	\$2800 for 200 commemorative cups - (@ approx. \$13 each + tax) to be recovered through sales at the 2026 Summer Concert Series. We may be able to find one or more sponsors to cover or split the cost. - (look at Ball Jar cup price with SAB stamp added)
Sustainability Outreach and Education	Sponsor or co-sponsor events to educate the local community on sustainability issues including electrification, composting, and water conservation.	Sheridan	• Sponsor or co-sponsor a minimum of 3 outreach/education events. • Invest in permanent marketing assets for outreach and education events. • Have a booth at the EV Ride and Drive Event that focuses on electrification. • Sustainability/Electric Home Open House event	\$500 for marketing assets - huge banner / poster - tablecloth - hand-outs at events
Residential Composting	Encourage residential composting through outreach, education, and community-wide composting solutions.	Sheridan	• Investigate a community-wide free compost pickup solution. • Investigate subsidizing backyard composting equipment. • Include composting equipment/demos in SAB outreach and education events.	\$0
Water Conservation and Soil Health	Encourage landscape water conservation and work to improve community soil health through outreach and incentives.	Kristina	• Investigate incentives residential and business xeriscape/waterwise incentive programs. • Create a xeriscape demonstration installation. • Investigate residential soil health initiatives.	\$0

Renewable Energy	Encourage the Town and community to install innovative solar options that add artistic, inspirational and sculptural accents.	Kristina	• Research in 2026	\$0
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Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2025

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) members present were Dana Ivers, Dave Jones, Kristina Lemon, Sheridan Ribbing, and Terry Schuyler. David Kehmeier was absent. Preston Neill and Leigh Robertson were also present.

2. Update on Application to Local Implementation, Mitigation, and Policy Action Accelerator Grant Program

Preston gave an update on the Town's application to the Colorado Energy Office's Local Implementation, Mitigation, and Policy Action (Local IMPACT) Accelerator Grant Program. The Program will provide a total \$50 million in grants to support local governments with policy adoption to bolster local resilience, reduce emissions, and advance other state priorities, such as improved air quality. Funding for this program comes from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program.

The Accelerator is designed to maximize emissions reductions by promoting policies that extend beyond state requirements in four categories: Buildings, Land Use, Transportation, Waste. Applicants can apply for funding to support policy adoption only or policy adoption and project implementation.

The Colorado Energy Office notified the Town, after reviewing the Letter of Intent that the Town submitted on August 1st, that we are encouraged to submit a full application for Round 1. The full application was submitted in advance of the deadline on November 5th. A huge shout out and thank you goes to Siobhan Montoya Lavender, Climate Action Development Direction with EcoAction Partners, for all her hard work writing the grant application on the Town's behalf!

3. Update on Mountain Towns 2030 Climate Summit

Terry updated the group that the Town of Ridgway was recognized at the Mountain Towns 2030 Summit in Breckenridge as a model of ambitious climate action, receiving the 2025 "Small Towns Doing Big Things" award. In addition, Mayor John Clark was honored with the "Individual Catalyst" award, spotlighting his two-decade leadership and vision in transforming Ridgway into one of the most forward-thinking small towns in our state. These honors celebrate not just isolated achievements but Ridgway's integrated, long-term approach to sustainability, economic resilience, and community identity.

4. Finalization of projects/initiatives to recommend to Town Council for the 2026 work plan

The group continued reviewing a draft work plan that had been put together. After discussion about all the items, the group collectively agreed to several modifications. Sheridan made the various edits on the document and agreed to send the document to Preston the following week.

5. Minutes from the October 7, 2025 meeting

Sheridan made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2025 meeting. Kristina seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by members present.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 6:13 p.m.