

Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Agenda



Tuesday, June 3, 2025

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5:00 p.m.

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

WORK SESSION:

1. Discussion regarding regional expansion of Green Grants Program
2. Discussion regarding a ribbon cutting event for the Ridgway Space to Create Resilience Hub Microgrid Project
3. Discussion re work plan items from the Town of Ridgway 2025 Strategic Plan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4. Minutes from the May 6, 2025 meeting

ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA ITEM #1

Green Grants SEB Subcommittee Memorandum

TO: Sneffels Energy Board Members

FROM: EcoAction Partners

DATE: April 3rd, 2025

SUBJECT: Invitation to Green Grants Regional Expansion Subcommittee

Background

EcoAction Partners is excited to announce the planned expansion of the successful Telluride Green Grants program to serve our entire region. The Telluride Foundation has committed \$90,000 in funding, and we have applied for an additional \$90,000 from Partners for Places to support this initiative. Additionally San Miguel County, San Juan County and the Town of Telluride have additional funds to distribute to their residents.

As you know, our regional greenhouse gas inventory consistently identifies residential and commercial buildings as our highest-emitting sector. The Green Grants program has proven highly effective in reducing emissions from existing buildings by providing direct funding to community members for projects that might otherwise be financially out of reach.

Invitation: Green Grants Regional Expansion Subcommittee

We are seeking volunteers from the Sneffels Energy Board to serve on a subcommittee that will guide the regional expansion. This subcommittee will play a crucial role in ensuring the program serves all our communities effectively and equitably.

Subcommittee Responsibilities

The subcommittee will meet approximately 3-4 times between April and July 2025 to:

1. **Rollout Strategy and marketing**
 - Comment on and approve EcoAction's roll out and marketing plan
2. **Determine Funding Distribution Framework**
 - Review EcoAction's proposed allocation options based on population, emissions, economic need, and other factors
 - Recommend a fair and effective distribution method for unrestricted funds across jurisdictions
3. **Structure Regional Review Committees**
 - Help establish review committee framework and operating procedures
 - Assist in identifying qualified community members to serve on committees
 - Review our recommended structure of four regional committees:

- Existing Telluride committee
- San Miguel County committee (non-Telluride residents)
- San Juan County committee
- Ouray County committee

Important Note: Subcommittee members will NOT be required to serve on the grant review committees themselves unless they specifically wish to do so.

Benefits of Participation

By serving on this subcommittee, you will:

- Help shape a program that will directly benefit your community
- Ensure your jurisdiction's unique needs are considered
- Contribute to meaningful climate action in alignment with our regional goals
- Strengthen regional collaboration on climate initiatives

Next Steps

Please Respond to siobhan@ecoactionpartners.org if you want to participate by May 10th if you would like to participate on the subcommittee.

AGENDA ITEM #3

SAB WORK PLAN ITEMS FROM TOWN OF RIDGWAY 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

1	Advise the Town to adopt a resolution formally establishing a net-zero goal to be achieved by 2030. Once in place, explore initiatives to promote within the community.	Terry
2	Establish a “road map” to net zero.	David/Dave
3	Provide quarterly progress updates to the Town Council.	Terry
4	Draft and recommend adoption of idle-free (i.e., no idling) regulations.	Dana
5	Organize and hold two educational outreach meetings/public engagement events in 2025 to promote SAB educational campaigns.	Dave/Terry
6	Participate on the Sneffels Energy Board Energy Code Cohort by working with EcoAction Partners, Lotus Engineering & Sustainability and NORESCO to align our region on an approach and code package for 2024 International Energy Conservation Code adoption (this includes the model electric and solar ready code).	Dave
7	Evaluate establishment of a goal/date for all new construction projects to be all-electric.	Dave
8	Work to decrease festival and event waste by encouraging local management contracts and event organizers to provide for composting, recycling, etc. at Ridgway events.	Joyce/Sheridan
9	Evaluate and recommend options for instituting incentives/rebates for residential and commercial participation in local composting programs.	Joyce/Sheridan
10	Increase local organic/natural food production and consumption.	Joyce/Sheridan
11	Evaluate and recommend options for instituting a turf replacement program that could include rebates or incentives.	Terry
12	Explore identifying where wildlife corridors are and possibilities for mitigating speeding on US 550 and SH 62. Explore deployment of additional signage.	Dana

AGENDA ITEM #4



Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2025

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. Ridgway Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) members present were Dave Jones, David Kehmeier, Kristina Lemon, Sheridan Ribbing and Terry Schuyler. Joyce Huang and Dana Ivers were absent. Siobhan Preston Neill was also present.

2. Discussion re Town's goal for net zero carbon emissions

Several members of the public attended the first portion of the meeting to get clarity on the intent of *Resolution No. 25-06 Reaffirming Ridgway's Commitment to Climate Action, Establishing a Goal for Net Zero Carbon Emissions, and Establishing an All Electric, Net Zero Energy Use Policy for Housing Projects with Financial Investment from the Town of Ridgway*. The group of residents also wanted clarity on the scope of work for the Sneffels Energy Board Regional Energy Code Cohort, which is working to align our region on an approach and code package for 2024 International Energy Conservation Code adoption.

3. Discussion regarding a ribbon cutting event for the Ridgway Space to Create Resilience Hub Microgrid Project

The group discussed holding the event in the evening hours of a weekday. There was interest in having the event coincide with a First Friday event, and holding a showing of the film "Hypocrite" during the event. Sheridan volunteered to reach out to Tera Wick, the Town's community initiatives facilitator, to hone in on a date to utilize the Decker Community Room for the event.

4. Miscellaneous topics

David and Kristina volunteered to meet with Christine Wilson, a local landscaper, regarding her ideas on landscaping and sustainability.

Dave volunteered to arrange a meeting with Steven Schroeder, who works in the Town's Public Works Department, to get the Public Works Department's perspective on electrifying the equipment and fleet within the Department, and to begin putting a natural gas inventory together.

A discussion took place on compost alternatives.

The group discussed the Mountain Towns 2023 Climate Solutions Summit taking place in October.

5. Discussion re SAB work plan items from the Town of Ridgway 2025 Strategic Plan

The group discussed and gave updates on the various goals.

6. Approval of minutes from the April 1, 2025, meeting

Terry made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2025 meeting. David seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by members present.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 7:00 p.m.