Garfield Clean Energy
March 2024 Board Meeting

Friday, March 8th, 2024
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Morgridge Commons
815 Cooper Ave, 2nd floor
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
or via Zoom
Meeting ID: 865 7116 7299

	AGENDA	Action requested	Time
1.	**Call meeting to order, Roll call, introductions**		1:00 p.m.
2.	**Board member and public comment** Regarding items not on agenda		1:05 p.m.
3.	**Regular business** - Approval of February 9th meeting minutes - January 2024 financials	- Discussion - Motion to approve	1:10 p.m.
4.	**Action items** - Resolution 2024-2: Exemption from Audit for Fiscal Year 2023	- Discussion - Motion to approve	1:15 p.m.
5.	**Goal #1: Energy savings** **Residential and commercial energy savings** ReEnergize 2024 program Wapiti Commons net-zero certification **Advanced Energy Management update** **Energy Code adoption and implementation** - CEO Energy Code grant trainings **Statewide policy update**	- Information only	1:25 p.m.
6.	**Goals #1, 4, and 5** **Solar program** - Garfield County Renewable Energy Progress Report and next steps	- Information only	2:00 p.m.
7.	**Goal #3: Clean mobility** - Community Access to E-bikes grant award - EV Readiness Plan update	- Discussion	2:35 p.m.
8.	**Adjourn** - Preview of May 10th Board retreat	- Motion to adjourn	2:50 p.m.

Energy Action Goals and Focus Areas

Working together, the GCE Board of Directors and the Energy Action Team identified the following 5 goals, 15 focus areas, and 47 strategies to help GCE achieve its vision.

GOALS	SUMMARY	FOCUS AREAS
ENERGY SAVINGS	• Achieve energy efficiency and conservation savings resulting in at least 12 percent total energy savings by 2030 over a 2019 baseline, which will require an average of at least 1.5 percent total annual energy use reduction from 2023 through 2030. As technology and funding improves, work for increased total savings.	• Residential Sector • Commercial, Agricultural • Industrial Sector • Public Institutions
CARBON-FREE ELECTRICITY	• Garfield County electricity will be 100 percent carbon-free by 2030 through grid-supplied resources and local renewable installations, as a means to a stronger, more resilient, and energy-secure economy and region.	• On-Site Solar • Community-Scale Solar • Carbon-Free Grid • Locally-Based Renewable Energy Sources
CLEAN MOBILITY	• Transition at least 15 percent of all registered vehicles to zero-emissions electric by 2030; support alternative fuels where electric is not yet feasible or where alternative fuels are desirable; help increase mode share for biking, walking, and transit.	• Transportation Electrification • Increase Biking, Walking • Transit Mode Share
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS	• Reduce GHG emissions related to the electric supply by 100% by 2030. • Reduce GHG emissions related to natural gas usage, as well as related to utilities' commitment to cleaner delivery and supply, by 10% by 2030.	• Building Electrification
CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND JOBS	• Accelerate and harness the economic benefits of energy efficiency, clean energy, and clean mobility for the benefit of the residents and communities of Garfield County; find ways to address any economic impacts of transitioning to clean energy.	• Mobilizing Funding, Incentives, and Investment • Education, Training, and Capacity Building • Policy and Innovation

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Board Meeting Minutes: Friday, February 9th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Morgridge Commons, with some members attending virtually

Minutes taken by Christina Matzl, CLEER

Board members attending

CMC:	Sean Nesbitt, Ryan Shepherd (virtual)
RFTA:	Chair, Jason White
City of Rifle:	Sean Strode (virtual)
Town of Parachute:	Travis Elliot (virtual), Chris Jackson (virtual)
Garfield County:	Frank Coberly (virtual)
Town of New Castle:	Secretary, Bruce Leland (virtual)
Town of Carbondale:	Ben Bohmfalk
City of Glenwood Springs:	Vice Chair, Ingrid Wussow

Board members not present

Town of Silt:	Keith Richel

Affiliate members present

Holy Cross:	Jenna Weatherred (virtual)
Garfield County Libraries:	Jon Medrano

Others attending

CLEER:	Alice Laird, Morgan Hill, Christina Matzl

Call meeting to order:
Jason White called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm

Roll Call:
Bruce Leland conducted the roll call.

Board Member and Public Comment:
- Sean Nesbitt introduced Ryan Shepherd, the new CMC board member alternate
- Jason White updated the board about the CEO electrification grant for public buildings that RFTA is applying for. This will be for the Old Western hotel RFTA purchased and is transitioning 42 hotel rooms to studio apartments for employee housing.
- Ingrid Wussow made an update on the GWS climate action plan.
- Ben Bohmfalk announced that the Town of Carbondale may be applying for the CEO grant for public buildings as well for the pool and town hall upgrades.

Regular Business:
Approval of December 8th, 2023 minutes and November and December Financials
- Discussion

    - Morgan Hill shared that the GCE budget had a net revenue of $2,058.03 in 2023.
    - The board discussed rolling over the $3,827.64 remaining ReEnergize funds into the ReEnergize rebate pool for 2024. Ingrid questioned if it would be possible to make a motion to approve the budget and a motion to move ReEnergize funds. Would this be a supplemental budget resolution or just an approval to move the remaining rebate funds? Discussion continued on the potential for making a motion to always approve up to a set total of rebate funds without needing to ask for a motion or resolution in the future. It was decided that a budget amendment was not needed for this amount.
- Motion to approve
    - *Ingrid Wussow moved to approve the financials and minutes, seconded by Ben Bohmfalk. All in favor. 1:13*
- Motion for Board to automatically roll over remaining rebate funds up to $5,000. The funds will roll over to the following year's budget without the need for a motion.
    - *Motion by Jason White, seconded by Ben Bohmfalk. All in favor 1:15*

Action items

- Election of Officers & Finance Committee for 2024
    - Ingrid moves to reappoint Jason as chair, seconded by Ben. Bruce Leland is willing to continue as secretary.
        - *Ben Bohmfalk moved to keep all officers for 2024, seconded by Sean Nesbitt, all in favor 1:17*
    - Finance committee- Tom Jankovsky, Ingrid Wossow, and Jason White.
        - *Ben Bohmfalk moved to reappoint the current finance committee for 2024, second by Sean Nesbitt. All in favor 1:17*
- Resolution No. 2024-1: Place of Notice for Public Meetings
    - Morgan clarified that this resolution is for where the notice of meetings is located. Locations include the GCE website and in the Town of Carbondale Town Hall as a backup location.
        - *Motion to approve by Bruce Leland, second by Ingrid Wussow, all in favor 1:20*
- Confirm meeting schedule and location for 2024
    - Jason explained that previous meetings were scheduled in odd months, though they are now off-cycle with this Feb meeting. Morgan noted the irregularities from last year and that the traditional schedule could be maintained if desired. It would work well for CLEER staff. Sean Nesbitt noted that the December meeting seems to work well for budget approvals. The incorrect November date listed will be amended, and the retreat could be in May. The March meeting may not be shorter due to upcoming information to share on project updates. Jason may not make the March meeting, but Ingrid says she should be able to lead the meeting as vice-chair.
    - The Board will meet in March, May, July, and September, with budget planning in November, and a short budget approval/adoption meeting in Dec.
    - Morgan brought up locations. Morgridge Commons works well, Sean Nesbitt mentioned Rifle Campus, and Ingrid opened the discussion to western Garfield County members. Chris Jackson mentioned touring the array in Parachute for the Retreat and offered up the Firehouse as a potential meeting space.
        - *Motion to approve the schedule as outlined with the exception of the November date by Sean Nesbitt, seconded by Ingrid Wussow. All in favor 1:25.*

Goal #1: Energy Savings

Advanced Energy Management

- Holiday energy savings and next steps

- Christina presented the AEM program achievements regarding the Holiday shutdowns. She highlighted that both billing data and interval data are essential to show savings and identify waste. She showed an image of the new interval data system and explained different details that can be used to understand a building's use, including viewing the weather. Christina also showcased the top 5 performing buildings over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. This included the Parachute Town Hall, Red Mountain Water treatment plants, Garfield County Courthouse, Sheriff's Office, and the Health and Human Services Annex. The buildings saved a cumulative 13% over the holidays when compared to 2022.
- Ben and Jason expressed an interest in being able to see the savings quantified as well as having some kind of explanation that will normalize the savings when accounting for the weather.

Energy code outreach and updates

- CEO Energy Code grant and trainings updates
  - Morgan shared that CLEER is working with GWS, TOC, and Carbondale on their IECC 2021 updates, as well as with New Castle, who adopted the 2021 IECC- electric ready code. There is a training coming up on Mar 20, looking at multi-family buildings. It will possibly be in Carbondale. There will also be a series of online trainings in the spring as well.

Residential and Commercial energy savings

- Garfield County energy data update
  - Morgan and Christina shared a presentation from Xcel Energy Partners in Energy explaining the final numbers for 2022 energy use data for residential and commercial sectors as well as an update on the total EVs in Garfield County.
  - The presentation prodded discussion regarding total heating and cooling degree days and the effect they have on our goal numbers.
  - Chris brought up the concern for fires with EV batteries. He shared that the Parachute Fire Department purchased special blankets for dealing with these fires because it takes too much water to put them out. He wanted to see what we could do about helping other fire departments to get these expensive fire blankets as well.
- Commercial rebate program
  - Team is working on how to structure the commercial rebate program and how to measure energy savings
- EECBG
  - Morgan is working with Garfield County on their application, with the deadline in April. GCE is hoping to use funds for the 2024 ReEnergize rebate funds.
- Creating enduring, dedicated energy efficiency funding sources
  - Alice reported on research CLEER is doing to create additional sustainable funding for all residents in Garfield County to make energy efficiency improvements. CLEER has applied to be an intervener with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) regarding Xcel Energy rebates/energy efficiency programs to advocate on behalf of Western Slope and rural communities. Making the case that rural communities need a special approach.
  - CLEER staff is meeting with SkiCo about a climate ride and ski fee potential. It is a very preliminary/conceptual discussion. The idea is that it would be a regional clean energy fund. We have no huge expectations that it will happen or how wide-ranging, but we are starting the discussion. We are also pursuing the potential for a climate tax and talking with Denver Metro about their program.

<u>Goals #1,4, and 5</u>

Geothermal

- Carbondale Geothermal District presentation

    - Jon Fox-Rubin presenting on the Geothermal heating district in Carbondale. It is built on the net-zero district plan developed 8 years ago.
    - There was high interest in the longevity of the project by Board members.

Program updates

- 2023 Annual report
    - Morgan ran through the report highlights for all programs for 2023. Highlighted program savings results and outreach tracking results. Jason noted the dollar savings achieved through residential programs was a great quantifiable result, Ben commented on wanting some data that accounts for the weather.
- 2024 Budget accepted by DOLA
    - Formally approved by the state
- Community access to E-bikes grant
    - CLEER received confirmation that we will be awarded the grant. Funding request was increased and the total number of bikes distributed went to 50 from 40. Bikes will be distributed to residents under 80% AMI. Commuter targeting is appreciated by Ben. Ingrid mentioned the potential for targeting teachers should be considered as well.
- EV readiness plan update
    - The Board will receive updates in future meetings.

Adjournment

Ingrid Wussow motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:57. Chris Jackson seconded the motion [2:57]

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

By: _____
Jason White, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Bruce Leland, Secretary

Garfield Clean Energy
A/R Aging Summary
As of January 31, 2024

	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	> 90	TOTAL
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Garfield Clean Energy
Balance Sheet
Accrual Basis — **As of January 31, 2024**

	Jan 31, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
103 · Alpine Bank (4668)	147,175.46
Total Checking/Savings	147,175.46
Total Current Assets	147,175.46
TOTAL ASSETS	**147,175.46**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
200 · Accounts Payable	67,365.85
Total Accounts Payable	67,365.85
Total Current Liabilities	67,365.85
Total Liabilities	67,365.85
Equity	
320 · Retained Earnings	137,620.23
Net Income	-57,810.62
Total Equity	79,809.61
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**147,175.46**

Garfield Clean Energy
Prior Month Paid Bills

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Credit
103 · Alpine Bank (4668)					
Bill Pmt -Check	01/03/2024	bill pay	CIRSA	X	2,386.77
Bill Pmt -Check	01/10/2024	bill pay	McMahan and Asso...	X	5,500.00
Deposit	01/10/2024			X	
Deposit	01/16/2024			X	
Bill Pmt -Check	01/17/2024	ACH	Balanced Bookkeepi...	X	516.25
Bill Pmt -Check	01/17/2024	bill pay	Karp Neu Hanlon, PC	X	349.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/17/2024	bill pay	New Energy Techno...	X	2,670.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/17/2024	bill pay	Clean Energy Econo...	X	36,142.93
Total 103 · Alpine Bank (4668)					47,564.95
TOTAL					**47,564.95**

Garfield Clean Energy
Income vs Expenses by fund
Accrual Basis — **January 2024**

	Credit Reserve ...	GCE	TOTAL
Income			
5000 · Other Funding			
5500 · Affiliate - Holy Cross Energy	0.00	11,500.00	11,500.00
Total 5000 · Other Funding	0.00	11,500.00	11,500.00
Total Income	0.00	11,500.00	11,500.00
Gross Profit	0.00	11,500.00	11,500.00
Expense			
Credit Reserve Expenses			
1001 · Credit Reserve Fund Expenses			
1001.2 · Residential & Comm Rebates	100.00	0.00	100.00
Total 1001 · Credit Reserve Fund Expenses	100.00	0.00	100.00
Total Credit Reserve Expenses	100.00	0.00	100.00
Energy Efficency Energy Sav Pro			
10000 · Commercial Sector			
11000 · Energy Coaching	0.00	6,982.50	6,982.50
12000 · Outreach/Educ/Training/Website	0.00	2,055.90	2,055.90
Total 10000 · Commercial Sector	0.00	9,038.40	9,038.40
20000 · Residential Sector			
21000 · Energy Coaching	0.00	11,157.30	11,157.30
22000 · Outreach/Educ/Training/Website	0.00	7,167.30	7,167.30
Total 20000 · Residential Sector	0.00	18,324.60	18,324.60
Total Energy Efficency Energy Sav Pro	0.00	27,363.00	27,363.00
30000 · Clean Mobility			
31000 · Transportation	0.00	3,849.30	3,849.30
32000 · Efficient Vehicles/Fleets			
32200 · Efficient Vehicles/Alt Fuels	0.00	5,547.15	5,547.15
Total 32000 · Efficient Vehicles/Fleets	0.00	5,547.15	5,547.15
33000 · Alternative Fuels	0.00	315.00	315.00
Total 30000 · Clean Mobility	0.00	9,711.45	9,711.45
40000 · Renewable Energy			
41000 · Technical assistance & Educatn	0.00	3,442.95	3,442.95
42000 · Implementation of Local Renewab	0.00	1,522.50	1,522.50
Total 40000 · Renewable Energy	0.00	4,965.45	4,965.45
50000 · Government Facilities			
51000 · Energy Data Mgt/Bldg engy navig	0.00	1,092.75	1,092.75
52000 · Active Energy Mgt Coaching	0.00	5,313.00	5,313.00
Total 50000 · Government Facilities	0.00	6,405.75	6,405.75
60000 · Special Projects			
61000 · Updated Energy Plan Resources,	0.00	687.75	687.75
62000 · 2023 Goal 5-Econ Devol, Workfor	0.00	1,181.25	1,181.25
63000 · CEO Energy Code Adoption & Enfo	0.00	7,260.00	7,260.00
Total 60000 · Special Projects	0.00	9,129.00	9,129.00
90000 · Countywide GCE Partnership Svc			
91000 · Proj mgmt/plan/report/mtgs/budg			
91000.2 · CIRSA liability Insurance	0.00	2,386.77	2,386.77
91000 · Proj mgmt/plan/report/mtgs/budg - Other	0.00	8,405.00	8,405.00
Total 91000 · Proj mgmt/plan/report/mtgs/budg	0.00	10,791.77	10,791.77

Garfield Clean Energy
Income vs Expenses by fund
Accrual Basis — **January 2024**

	Credit Reserve ...	GCE	TOTAL
92000 · Legal Services	0.00	137.50	137.50
93000 · Accounting/Bookkeeping	0.00	706.70	706.70
Total 90000 · Countywide GCE Partnership Svc	0.00	11,635.97	11,635.97
Total Expense	100.00	69,210.62	69,310.62
Net Income	**-100.00**	**-57,710.62**	**-57,810.62**

Garfield Clean Energy
P&L Budget vs. Actual
January 2024

	Jan 24	Budget	$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
3000 · Partnership Funding				
3100 · Garfield County	0.00	350,000.00	-350,000.00	0.0%
3200 · Parachute	0.00	3,200.00	-3,200.00	0.0%
3300 · Rifle	0.00	11,500.00	-11,500.00	0.0%
3400 · Silt	0.00	3,400.00	-3,400.00	0.0%
3500 · New Castle	0.00	17,300.00	-17,300.00	0.0%
3600 · Glenwood Springs	0.00	60,000.00	-60,000.00	0.0%
3700 · Carbondale	0.00	40,000.00	-40,000.00	0.0%
3800 · Colorado Mountain College	0.00	38,700.00	-38,700.00	0.0%
4100 · Library District	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
4200 · RFTA	0.00	45,000.00	-45,000.00	0.0%
Total 3000 · Partnership Funding	0.00	569,100.00	-569,100.00	0.0%
5000 · Other Funding				
5100 · Community Partners	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
5200 · Sponsorships	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5300 · Grants				
5300.1 · Energy Effic Conserv Block Gran	0.00	77,080.00	-77,080.00	0.0%
5300.2 · Energy Code Adop & Enforcement	0.00	37,950.00	-37,950.00	0.0%
5300 · Grants - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 5300 · Grants	0.00	115,030.00	-115,030.00	0.0%
5400 · DOE Partnership Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5500 · Affiliate - Holy Cross Energy	11,500.00	11,500.00	0.00	100.0%
5600 · Affiliate - Library District	0.00	10,500.00	-10,500.00	0.0%
Total 5000 · Other Funding	11,500.00	147,030.00	-135,530.00	7.82%
Total Income	11,500.00	716,130.00	-704,630.00	1.61%
Gross Profit	11,500.00	716,130.00	-704,630.00	1.61%
Expense				
Credit Reserve Expenses				
1001 · Credit Reserve Fund Expenses				
1001.1 · Revolving Loan Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
1001.2 · Residential & Comm Rebates	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.0%
1001 · Credit Reserve Fund Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 1001 · Credit Reserve Fund Expenses	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.0%
Total Credit Reserve Expenses	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.0%
Energy Efficency Energy Sav Pro				
10000 · Commercial Sector				
11000 · Energy Coaching	6,982.50	48,000.00	-41,017.50	14.55%
12000 · Outreach/Educ/Training/Website	2,055.90	22,000.00	-19,944.10	9.35%
13000 · Commerical Energy Efficiency Re	0.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.0%
Total 10000 · Commercial Sector	9,038.40	90,000.00	-80,961.60	10.04%
20000 · Residential Sector				
21000 · Energy Coaching	11,157.30	102,000.00	-90,842.70	10.94%
21100 · Energy Coach-Home Energy Prog	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%

Garfield Clean Energy
P&L Budget vs. Actual
January 2024

	Jan 24	Budget	$ Over Budget	% of Budget
22000 · Outreach/Educ/Training/Website	7,167.30	44,000.00	-36,832.70	16.29%
Total 20000 · Residential Sector	18,324.60	146,000.00	-127,675.40	12.55%
21110 · GCE ReEnergize Rebates	0.00	95,000.00	-95,000.00	0.0%
21120 · EECBG ReEnergize Rebates	0.00	77,080.00	-77,080.00	0.0%
Total Energy Efficency Energy Sav Pro	27,363.00	408,080.00	-380,717.00	6.71%
30000 · Clean Mobility				
31000 · Transportation	3,849.30	42,000.00	-38,150.70	9.17%
32000 · Efficient Vehicles/Fleets				
32200 · Efficient Vehicles/Alt Fuels	5,547.15	20,000.00	-14,452.85	27.74%
Total 32000 · Efficient Vehicles/Fleets	5,547.15	20,000.00	-14,452.85	27.74%
33000 · Alternative Fuels	315.00			
34000 · Marketing/Outreach/Education	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
Total 30000 · Clean Mobility	9,711.45	67,000.00	-57,288.55	14.5%
40000 · Renewable Energy				
41000 · Technical assistance & Educatn	3,442.95	18,000.00	-14,557.05	19.13%
42000 · Implementation of Local Renewab	1,522.50	15,000.00	-13,477.50	10.15%
Total 40000 · Renewable Energy	4,965.45	33,000.00	-28,034.55	15.05%
50000 · Government Facilities				
51000 · Energy Data Mgt/Bldg engy navig	1,092.75	64,300.00	-63,207.25	1.7%
52000 · Active Energy Mgt Coaching	5,313.00	40,000.00	-34,687.00	13.28%
53000 · EnergyCAP License	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 50000 · Government Facilities	6,405.75	104,300.00	-97,894.25	6.14%
60000 · Special Projects				
61000 · Updated Energy Plan Resources,	687.75	10,500.00	-9,812.25	6.55%
62000 · 2023 Goal 5-Econ Devol, Workfor	1,181.25	18,000.00	-16,818.75	6.56%
63000 · CEO Energy Code Adoption & Enfo	7,260.00	37,950.00	-30,690.00	19.13%
Total 60000 · Special Projects	9,129.00	66,450.00	-57,321.00	13.74%
90000 · Countywide GCE Partnership Svc				
91000 · Proj mgmt/plan/report/mtgs/budg				
91000.1 · Audit/Financial review	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.0%
91000.2 · CIRSA liability Insurance	2,386.77	2,200.00	186.77	108.49%
91000 · Proj mgmt/plan/report/mtgs/budg - Other	8,405.00	79,000.00	-70,595.00	10.64%
Total 91000 · Proj mgmt/plan/report/mtgs/budg	10,791.77	87,200.00	-76,408.23	12.38%
92000 · Legal Services	137.50	3,000.00	-2,862.50	4.58%
93000 · Accounting/Bookkeeping	706.70	7,000.00	-6,293.30	10.1%
95000 · Contingency	0.00	2,900.00	-2,900.00	0.0%
Total 90000 · Countywide GCE Partnership Svc	11,635.97	100,100.00	-88,464.03	11.62%
Total Expense	69,310.62	778,930.00	-709,619.38	8.9%
Net Income	**-57,810.62**	**-62,800.00**	**4,989.38**	**92.06%**

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-2
SERIES of 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 FOR THE GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative wishes to claim exemption from the audit requirements of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, Section 29-1-604, C.R.S., states that any local government where neither revenues nor expenditures exceed $750,000 may, with the approval of the State Auditor, be exempt from the provision of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative exceeded $750,000 for Fiscal Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative has been prepared by McMahan and Associates, LLC, an independent accountant with knowledge of governmental accounting; and

WHEREAS, said application for exemption from audit has been completed in accordance with regulations issued by the State Auditor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE, THAT the application for exemption from audit for the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative for the Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2023, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative; that those members of the Board of Directors have signified their approval by signing below; and that this resolution shall be attached to, and shall become a part of, the application for exemption from audit of the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

THIS RESOLUTION was read, passed, and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative at the Regular Meeting held this 8th day of March 2024.

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

By _____
Jason White, Chair

ATTEST:

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Bruce Leland, Secretary
ATTEST:

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Board member

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APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

LONG FORM

FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH EITHER REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES MORE THAN $100,000 BUT NOT MORE THAN $750,000

Under the Local Government Audit Law (Section 29-1-601, et seq., C.R.S.) any local government may apply for an exemption from audit if neither revenues nor expenditures exceed $750,000 for the year.

EXEMPTIONS FROM AUDIT ARE NOT AUTOMATIC

To qualify for exemption from audit, a local government must complete an Application for Exemption from Audit EACH YEAR and submit it to the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) for approval.

Any preparer of an Application for Exemption from Audit must be an independent accountant with knowledge of governmental accounting.

Approval for an exemption from audit is granted only upon the review by the OSA.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING THIS FORM

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE OSA WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE ACCOUNTING YEAR-END. FOR EXAMPLE, APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE OSA ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31 FOR GOVERNMENTS WITH A DECEMBER 31 YEAR-END. *APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT SUBMISSIONS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME.*

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITY SHOULD BE REPORTED ON THE **MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS**

PROPRIETARY ACTIVITY SHOULD BE REPORTED ON A **BUDGETARY BASIS**

POSTMARK DATES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS PROOF OF SUBMISSION ON OR BEFORE THE STATUATORY DEADLINE

PRIOR YEAR FORMS ARE OBSOLETE AND WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED ON FORMS OTHER THAN THOSE PRESCRIBED BY THE OSA WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE FULLY AND ACCURATELY COMPLETED.

FOR YOUR REFERENCE, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES CAN BE FOUND AT THIS ADDRESS:

http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/Colorado/

CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Has the preparer signed the application?**
- ☐ **Has the entity corrected all Prior Year Deficiencies as communicated by the OSA?**
- ☐ **Has the application been PERSONALLY reviewed and approved by the governing body?**
- ☐ **Are all sections of the form complete, including responses to all of the questions?**
- ☐ **Did you include any relevant explanations for unusual items in the appropriate spaces at the end of each section?**
- ☐ **Will this application be submitted electronically?**
  - ☐ **If yes, have you read and understand the new Electronic Signature Policy? See new policy** here

  --or--
  - ☐ **Have you included a resolution?**
  - ☐ **Does the resolution state that the governing body PERSONALLY reviewed and approved the resolution in an open public meeting?**
  - ☐ **Has the resolution been signed by a MAJORITY of the governing body? (See sample resolution.)**
- ☐ **Will this application be submitted via a mail service? (e.g. US Post Office, FedEx, UPS, courier.)**
  - ☐ **If yes, does the application include ORIGINAL INK SIGNATURES from the MAJORITY of the governing body?**

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Click here to go to the portal

FILING METHODS

WEB PORTAL: Register and submit your Applications at our web portal: **https://apps.leg.co.gov/osa/lg** **For faster processing the web portal is the preferred method for submission**

MAIL: Office of the State Auditor
Local Government Audit Division
1525 Sherman St., 7th Floor
Denver, CO 80203

Please Note: The OSA's email addresses have changed as of December 1, 2023. Please ensure you are using the email address noted below.

QUESTIONS? Email: osa.lg@coleg.gov or Phone: 303-869-3000

IMPORTANT!

All Applications for Exemption from Audit are subject to review and approval by the Office of the State Auditor.
Governmental Activity should be reported on the Modified Accrual Basis
Proprietary Activity should be reported on the Cash or Budgetary Basis -- A Budget to GAAP reconciliation is provided in Part 3
Failure to file an application or denial of the request could cause the local government to lose its exemption from audit for that year and the ensuing year.
In that event, AN AUDIT SHALL BE REQUIRED.

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

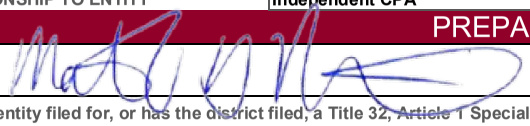
LONG FORM

NAME OF GOVERNMENT	Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative	For the Year Ended 12/31/2023 or fiscal year ended:
ADDRESS	P.O. Box 428	
	Carbondale, Colorado 81623	
CONTACT PERSON	Morgan Hill	
PHONE	970-704-9200	
EMAIL	mhill@cleanenergyeconomy.net	

CERTIFICATION OF PREPARER

I certify that I am an independent accountant with **knowledge of governmental accountin**g and that the information in the Application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that the Audit Law requires that a person independent of the entity complete the application if revenues or expenditure are at least $100,000 but not more than $750,000, and that independent means someone who is separate from the entity.

NAME:	Matthew D. Miller, CPA
TITLE	Managing Member
FIRM NAME (if applicable)	McMahan & Associates, LLC
ADDRESS	P.O. Box 5850 Avon, Colorado 81620
PHONE	970-845-8800
RELATIONSHIP TO ENTITY	Independent CPA

PREPARER (SIGNATURE REQUIRED)	DATE PREPARED
	

Has the entity filed for, or has the district filed, a Title 32, ~~Article~~ I Special District Notice of Inactive Status during the year? [Applicable to Title 32 special districts only, pursuant to Sections 32-1-103 (9.3) and 32-1-104 (3), C.R.S.]	YES	NO	If Yes, date filed:
	☐	☑	

PART 1 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - BALANCE SHEET

* Indicate Name of Fund

NOTE: Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Line #	Description	Governmental Funds: General Fund	Governmental Funds: Fund*	Description	Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds: Fund*	Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds: Fund*	Please use this space to provide explanation of any items on this page
	Assets			Assets			
1-1	Cash & Cash Equivalents	$ 175,840	$ -	Cash & Cash Equivalents	$ -	$ -	
1-2	Investments	$ -	$ -	Investments	$ -	$ -	
1-3	Receivables	$ 7,400	$ -	Receivables	$ -	$ -	
1-4	Due from Other Entities or Funds	$ -	$ -	Due from Other Entities or Funds	$ -	$ -	
1-5	Property Tax Receivable	$ -	$ -	Other Current Assets [specify…]			
	All Other Assets [specify…]				$ -	$ -	
1-6	Lease Receivable (as Lessor)	$ -	$ -	Total Current Assets	$ -	$ -	
1-7		$ -	$ -	Capital & Right to Use Assets, net (from Part 6-4)	$ -	$ -	
1-8		$ -	$ -	Other Long Term Assets [specify…]	$ -	$ -	
1-9		$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	
1-10		$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	
1-11	(add lines 1-1 through 1-10) TOTAL ASSETS	$ 183,240	$ -	(add lines 1-1 through 1-10) TOTAL ASSETS	$ -	$ -	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources:			Deferred Outflows of Resources			
1-12	[specify…]	$ -	$ -	[specify…]	$ -	$ -	
1-13	[specify…]	$ -	$ -	[specify…]	$ -	$ -	
1-14	(add lines 1-12 through 1-13) TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	$ -	$ -	(add lines 1-12 through 1-13) TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	$ -	$ -	
1-15	TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	$ 183,240	$ -	TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	$ -	$ -	
	Liabilities			Liabilities			
1-16	Accounts Payable	$ 45,621	$ -	Accounts Payable	$ -	$ -	
1-17	Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	$ -	$ -	Accrued Payroll and Related Liabilities	$ -	$ -	
1-18	Unearned Revenue	$ -	$ -	Accrued Interest Payable	$ -	$ -	
1-19	Due to Other Entities or Funds	$ -	$ -	Due to Other Entities or Funds	$ -	$ -	
1-20	All Other Current Liabilities	$ -	$ -	All Other Current Liabilities	$ -	$ -	
1-21	(add lines 1-16 through 1-20) TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	$ 45,621	$ -	(add lines 1-16 through 1-20) TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	$ -	$ -	
1-22	All Other Liabilities [specify…]	$ -	$ -	Proprietary Debt Outstanding (from Part 4-4)	$ -	$ -	
1-23		$ -	$ -	Other Liabilities [specify…]:	$ -	$ -	
1-24		$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	
1-25		$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	
1-26		$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	
1-27	(add lines 1-21 through 1-26) TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ 45,621	$ -	(add lines 1-21 through 1-26) TOTAL LIABILITIES	$ -	$ -	
	Deferred Inflows of Resources:			Deferred Inflows of Resources			
1-28	Deferred Property Taxes	$ -	$ -	Pension/OPEB Related	$ -	$ -	
1-29	Lease related (as lessor)	$ -	$ -	Other [specify…]	$ -	$ -	
1-30	(add lines 1-28 through 1-29) TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS	$ -	$ -	(add lines 1-28 through 1-29) TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS	$ -	$ -	
	Fund Balance			Net Position			
1-31	Nonspendable Prepaid	$ -	$ -	Net Investment in Capital and Right-to Use Assets	$ -	$ -	
1-32	Nonspendable Inventory	$ -	$ -				
1-33	Restricted [TABOR]	$ -	$ -	Emergency Reserves	$ -	$ -	
1-34	Committed [specify…]	$ -	$ -	Other Designations/Reserves	$ -	$ -	
1-35	Assigned [specify…]	$ -	$ -	Restricted	$ -	$ -	
1-36	Unassigned:	$ 137,619	$ -	Undesignated/Unreserved/Unrestricted	$ -	$ -	
1-37	Add lines 1-31 through 1-36 This total should be the same as line 3-33 TOTAL FUND BALANCE	$ 137,619	$ -	Add lines 1-31 through 1-36 This total should be the same as line 3-33 TOTAL NET POSITION	$ -	$ -	
1-38	Add lines 1-27, 1-30 and 1-37 This total should be the same as line 1-15 TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND FUND BALANCE	$ 183,240	$ -	Add lines 1-27, 1-30 and 1-37 This total should be the same as line 1-15 TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, AND NET POSITION	$ -	$ -	

PART 2 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - OPERATING STATEMENT - REVENUES

		Governmental Funds			Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds		
Line #	Description	General Fund	Fund*	Description	Fund*	Fund*	Please use this space to provide explanation of any items on this page
	Tax Revenue			Tax Revenue			
2-1	Property [include mills levied in Question 10-6]	$ -	$ -	Property [include mills levied in Question 10-6]	$ -	$ -	
2-2	Specific Ownership	$ -	$ -	Specific Ownership	$ -	$ -	
2-3	Sales and Use Tax	$ -	$ -	Sales and Use Tax	$ -	$ -	
2-4	Other Tax Revenue [specify...]:	$ -	$ -	Other Tax Revenue [specify...]:	$ -	$ -	
2-5		$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	
2-6		$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	
2-7		$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	
2-8	Add lines 2-1 through 2-7 TOTAL TAX REVENUE	$ -	$ -	Add lines 2-1 through 2-7 TOTAL TAX REVENUE	$ -	$ -	
2-9	Licenses and Permits	$ -	$ -	Licenses and Permits	$ -	$ -	
2-10	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	$ -	$ -	Highway Users Tax Funds (HUTF)	$ -	$ -	
2-11	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	$ -	$ -	Conservation Trust Funds (Lottery)	$ -	$ -	
2-12	Community Development Block Grant	$ -	$ -	Community Development Block Grant	$ -	$ -	
2-13	Fire & Police Pension	$ -	$ -	Fire & Police Pension	$ -	$ -	
2-14	Grants	$ 584,630	$ -	Grants	$ -	$ -	
2-15	Donations	$ -	$ -	Donations	$ -	$ -	
2-16	Charges for Sales and Services	$ -	$ -	Charges for Sales and Services	$ -	$ -	
2-17	Rental Income	$ -	$ -	Rental Income	$ -	$ -	
2-18	Fines and Forfeits	$ -	$ -	Fines and Forfeits	$ -	$ -	
2-19	Interest/Investment Income	$ -	$ -	Interest/Investment Income	$ -	$ -	
2-20	Tap Fees	$ -	$ -	Tap Fees	$ -	$ -	
2-21	Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	$ -	$ -	Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets			
2-22	All Other [specify...]:	$ -	$ -	All Other [specify...]:	$ -	$ -	
2-23		$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	
2-24	Add lines 2-8 through 2-23 TOTAL REVENUES	$ 584,630	$ -	Add lines 2-8 through 2-23 TOTAL REVENUES	$ -	$ -	
	Other Financing Sources			Other Financing Sources			
2-25	Debt Proceeds	$ -	$ -	Debt Proceeds	$ -	$ -	
2-26	Lease Proceeds	$ -	$ -	Lease Proceeds	$ -	$ -	
2-27	Developer Advances	$ -	$ -	Developer Advances	$ -	$ -	
2-28	Other [specify...]:	$ -	$ -	Other [specify...]:	$ -	$ -	
2-29	Add lines 2-25 through 2-28 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	$ -	$ -	Add lines 2-25 through 2-28 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	$ -	$ -	GRAND TOTALS
2-30	Add lines 2-24 and 2-29 TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	$ 584,630	$ -	Add lines 2-24 and 2-29 TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	$ -	$ -	$ 584,630

IF GRAND TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES for all funds (Line 2-29) are GREATER than $750,000 - STOP. You may not use this form. An audit may be required. See Section 29-1-604, C.R.S., or contact the OSA Local Government Division at (303) 869-3000 for assistance.

PART 3 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - OPERATING STATEMENT - EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES

		Governmental Funds			Proprietary/Fiduciary Funds		
Line #	Description	General Fund	Fund*	Description	Fund*	Fund*	Please use this space to provide explanation of any items on this page
	Expenditures			Expenses			
3-1	General Government	$ -	$ -	General Operating & Administrative	$ -	$ -	
3-2	Judicial	$ -	$ -	Salaries	$ -	$ -	
3-3	Law Enforcement	$ -	$ -	Payroll Taxes	$ -	$ -	
3-4	Fire	$ -	$ -	Contract Services	$ -	$ -	
3-5	Highways & Streets	$ -	$ -	Employee Benefits	$ -	$ -	
3-6	Solid Waste	$ -	$ -	Insurance	$ -	$ -	
3-7	Contributions to Fire & Police Pension Assoc.	$ -	$ -	Accounting and Legal Fees	$ -	$ -	
3-8	Health	$ -	$ -	Repair and Maintenance	$ -	$ -	
3-9	Culture and Recreation	$ -	$ -	Supplies	$ -	$ -	
3-10	Transfers to other districts	$ -	$ -	Utilities	$ -	$ -	
3-11	Other [specify…]:	$ -	$ -	Contributions to Fire & Police Pension Assoc.	$ -	$ -	
3-12	Clean Energy Programs	$ 626,942	$ -	Other [specify…]	$ -	$ -	
3-13		$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	
3-14	Capital Outlay	$ -	$ -	Capital Outlay	$ -	$ -	
	Debt Service			Debt Service			
3-15	Principal (should match amount in 4-4)	$ -	$ -	Principal (should match amount in 4-4)	$ -	$ -	
3-16	Interest	$ -	$ -	Interest	$ -	$ -	
3-17	Bond Issuance Costs	$ -	$ -	Bond Issuance Costs	$ -	$ -	
3-18	Developer Principal Repayments	$ -	$ -	Developer Principal Repayments	$ -	$ -	
3-19	Developer Interest Repayments	$ -	$ -	Developer Interest Repayments	$ -	$ -	
3-20	All Other [specify...]:	$ -	$ -	All Other [specify...]:	$ -	$ -	
3-21		$ -	$ -		$ -	$ -	GRAND TOTAL
3-22	Add lines 3-1 through 3-21 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 626,942	$ -	Add lines 3-1 through 3-21 TOTAL EXPENSES	$ -	$ -	$ 626,942
3-23	Interfund Transfers (In)	$ -	$ -	Net Interfund Transfers (In) Out	$ -	$ -	
3-24	Interfund Transfers Out	$ -	$ -	Other [specify...][enter negative for expense]	$ -	$ -	
3-25	Other Expenditures (Revenues):	$ -	$ -	Depreciation/Amortization	$ -	$ -	
3-26		$ -	$ -	Other Financing Sources (Uses) (from line 2-28)	$ -	$ -	
3-27		$ -	$ -	Capital Outlay (from line 3-14)	$ -	$ -	
3-28		$ -	$ -	Debt Principal (from line 3-15, 3-18)	$ -	$ -	
3-29	(Add lines 3-23 through 3-28) TOTAL TRANSFERS AND OTHER EXPENDITURES	$ -	$ -	(Line 3-27, plus line 3-28, less line 3-26, less line 3-25, plus line 3-24) TOTAL GAAP RECONCILING ITEMS	$ -	$ -	
3-30	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures Line 2-29, less line 3-22, less line 3-29	$ (42,312)	$ -	Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Position Line 2-29, less line 3-22, plus line 3-29, less line 3-23	$ -	$ -	
3-31	Fund Balance, January 1 from December 31 prior year report	$ 179,931	$ -	Net Position, January 1 from December 31 prior year report	$ -	$ -	
3-32	Prior Period Adjustment (MUST explain)		$ -	Prior Period Adjustment (MUST explain)	$ -	$ -	
3-33	Fund Balance, December 31 Sum of Lines 3-30, 3-31, and 3-32 This total should be the same as line 1-37.	$ 137,619	$ -	Net Position, December 31 Sum of Lines 3-30, 3-31, and 3-32 This total should be the same as line 1-37.	$ -	$ -	

IF GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES for all funds (Line 3-22) are GREATER than $750,000 - STOP. You may not use this form. An audit may be required. See Section 29-1-604, C.R.S., or contact the OSA Local Government Division at (303) 869-3000 for assistance.

PART 4 - DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

	Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.	YES	NO	Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:
4-1	Does the entity have outstanding debt?	☐	☑	
4-2	Is the debt repayment schedule attached? If no, **MUST** explain:	☐	☐	
4-3	Is the entity current in its debt service payments? If no, **MUST** explain:	☐	☐	

4-4 Please complete the following debt schedule, if applicable: (please only include principal amounts)

	Outstanding at beginning of year*	Issued during year	Retired during year	Outstanding at year-end
General obligation bonds	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Revenue bonds	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Notes/Loans	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Lease & SBITA** Liabilities (GASB 87 & 96)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Developer Advances	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other (specify):	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

**Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements

*Must agree to prior year-end balance

	Please answer the following questions by marking the appropriate boxes.		YES	NO
4-5	Does the entity have any authorized, but unissued, debt [Section 29-1-605(2) C.R.S.]?		☐	☑
If yes:	How much?	$ -		
If yes:	Date the debt was authorized:			
4-6	Does the entity intend to issue debt within the next calendar year?		☐	☑
If yes:	How much?	$ -		
4-7	Does the entity have debt that has been refinanced that it is still responsible for?		☐	☑
If yes:	What is the amount outstanding?	$ -		
4-8	Does the entity have any lease agreements?		☐	☑
If yes:	What is being leased?			
	What is the original date of the lease?			
	Number of years of lease?			
	Is the lease subject to annual appropriation?		☐	☐
	What are the annual lease payments?			

PART 5 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

	Please provide the entity's cash deposit and investment balances.	AMOUNT	TOTAL	Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:
5-1	YEAR-END Total of ALL Checking and Savings accounts	$ 175,840		
5-2	Certificates of deposit	$ -		
	TOTAL CASH DEPOSITS		$ 175,840	
	Investments (if investment is a mutual fund, please list underlying investments):			
5-3		$ -		
		$ -		
		$ -		
		$ -		
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS		$ -	
	TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS		$ 175,840	

	Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box	YES	NO	N/A
5-4	Are the entity's Investments legal in accordance with Section 24-75-601, et. seq., C.R.S.?	☑	☐	☐
5-5	Are the entity's deposits in an eligible (Public Deposit Protection Act) public depository (Section 11-10.5-101, et seq. C.R.S.)? If no, **MUST** explain:	☑	☐	☐

PART 6 - CAPITAL AND RIGHT-TO-USE ASSETS

	Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box	YES	NO	Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:
6-1	Does the entity have capitalized assets?	☐	☑	
6-2	Has the entity performed an annual inventory of capital assets in accordance with Section 29-1-506, C.R.S.? If no, MUST explain:	☑	☐	

6-3

Complete the following Capital & Right-To-Use Assets table for GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS:	Balance - beginning of the year*	Additions*	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Buildings	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Machinery and equipment	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Furniture and fixtures	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Infrastructure	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Leased & SBITA Right-to-Use Assets	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Intangible Assets	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other (Library Collection):	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Accumulated Amortization Right to Use Assets (Enter a negative, or credit, balance)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Accumulated Depreciation (Enter a negative, or credit, balance)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

6-4

Complete the following Capital & Right-To-Use Assets table for PROPRIETARY FUNDS:	Balance - beginning of the year*	Additions*	Deletions	Year-End Balance
Land	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Buildings	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Machinery and equipment	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Furniture and fixtures	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Infrastructure	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Construction In Progress (CIP)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Leased & SBITA Right-to-Use Assets	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Intangible Assets	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Other (explain):	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Accumulated Amortization Right to Use Assets (Enter a negative, or credit, balance)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Accumulated Depreciation (Enter a negative, or credit, balance)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TOTAL	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

* Must agree to prior year-end balance
* Generally capital asset additions should be reported at capital outlay on line 3-14 and capitalized in accordance with the government's capitalization policy. Please explain any discrepancy

PART 7 - PENSION INFORMATION

	*	YES	NO	Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:
7-1	Does the entity have an "old hire" firefighters' pension plan?	☐	☑	
7-2	Does the entity have a volunteer firefighters' pension plan?	☐	☑	
If yes:	Who administers the plan?	☐	☐	

Indicate the contributions from:

Tax (property, SO, sales, etc.):	$ -
State contribution amount:	$ -
Other (gifts, donations, etc.):	$ -
TOTAL	$ -
What is the monthly benefit paid for 20 years of service per retiree as of Jan 1?	$ -

PART 8 - BUDGET INFORMATION

	Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box	YES	NO	N/A	Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:
8-1	Did the entity file a current year budget with the Department of Local Affairs, in accordance with Section 29-1-113 C.R.S.? If no, **MUST** explain:	☑	☐	☐	
8-2	Did the entity pass an appropriations resolution in accordance with Section 29-1-108 C.R.S.? If no, **MUST** explain:	☑	☐	☐	

If yes: Please indicate the amount appropriated for each fund separately for the year reported

Governmental/Proprietary Fund Name	Total Appropriations By Fund
General Fund	$ 594,000
	$ -
	$ -
	$ -

PART 9 - TAX PAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR)

	Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box	YES	NO	Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:
9-1	Is the entity in compliance with all the provisions of TABOR [State Constitution, Article X, Section 20(5)]?	☑	☐	

Note: An election to exempt the government from the spending limitations of TABOR does not exempt the government from the 3 percent emergency reserve requirement. All governments should determine if they meet this requirement of TABOR.

PART 10 - GENERAL INFORMATION

	Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box	YES	NO	Please use this space to provide any explanations or comments:
10-1	Is this application for a newly formed governmental entity?	☐	☑	GCE was formed January 2012 under an intergovernmental agreement between Garfield County, City of Glenwood Springs, City of Rifle, Town of Carbondale, Roaring Fork Transportation Authority, Town of New Castle, Town of Parachute, Twon of Silt and Colorado Mountain college. GCE works towards creating a more energy independent, energy secure, thriving and stable economy. No direct services are provided to the governments.
If yes:	Date of formation:			
10-2	Has the entity changed its name in the past or current year?	☐	☑	
If Yes:	NEW name			
	PRIOR name			
10-3	Is the entity a metropolitan district?	☐	☑	
10-4	Please indicate what services the entity provides:			
10-5	Does the entity have an agreement with another government to provide services?	☑	☐	
If yes:	List the name of the other governmental entity and the services provided:			
	See explanation to the right			
10-6	Does the entity have a certified mill levy?	☐	☑	
If yes:	Please provide the number of mills levied for the year reported (do not enter $ amounts):			

Bond Redemption mills	0.000
General/Other mills	0.000
Total mills	0.000

		YES	NO	N/A
10-7	**NEW 2023!** If the entity is a Title 32 Special District formed on or after 7/1/2000, has the entity filed its preceding year annual report with the State Auditor as required under SB 21-262 [Section 32-1-207 C.R.S.]? If NO, please explain.	☐	☐	☑

Please use this space to provide any additional explanations or comments not previously included:

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Entity Wide:			**General Fund**			**Governmental Funds**			**Notes**
Unrestricted Cash & Investments	$	175,840	Unrestricted Fund Balan	$	137,619	Total Tax Revenue	$	-	
Current Liabilities	$	45,621	Total Fund Balance	$	137,619	Revenue Paying Debt Service	$	-	
Deferred Inflow	$	-	PY Fund Balance	$	179,931	Total Revenue	$	584,630	
			Total Revenue	$	584,630	Total Debt Service Principal	$	-	
			Total Expenditures	$	626,942	Total Debt Service Interest	$	-	
						Total Assets	$	183,240	
						Total Liabilities	$	45,621	
Governmental			Interfund In	$	-				
Total Cash & Investments	$	175,840	Interfund Out	$	-	**Enterprise Funds**			
Transfers In	$	-	**Proprietary**			Net Position	$	-	
Transfers Out	$	-	Current Assets	$	-	PY Net Position	$	-	
Property Tax	$	-	Deferred Outflow	$	-	**Government-Wide**			
Debt Service Principal	$	-	Current Liabilities	$	-	Total Outstanding Debt	$	-	
Total Expenditures	$	626,942	Deferred Inflow	$	-	Authorized but Unissued	$	-	
Total Developer Advances	$	-	Cash & Investments	$	-	Year Authorized		1/0/1900	
Total Developer Repayments	$	-	Principal Expense	$	-				

PART 12 - GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL

Please answer the following question by marking in the appropriate box	YES	NO
12-1 If you plan to submit this form electronically, have you read the new Electronic Signature Policy?	☑	☐

Office of the State Auditor — Local Government Division - Exemption Form Electronic Signatures Policy and Procedures

Policy - Requirements

The Office of the State Auditor Local Government Audit Division may accept an electronic submission of an application for exemption from audit that includes governing board signatures obtained through a program such as Docusign or Echosign. Required elements and safeguards are as follows:

- The preparer of the application is responsible for obtaining board signatures that comply with the requirement in Section 29-1-604 (3), C.R.S., that states the application shall be personally reviewed, approved, and signed by a majority of the members of the governing body.
- The application must be accompanied by the signature history document created by the electronic signature software. The signature history document must show when the document was created and when the document was emailed to the various parties, and include the dates the individual board members signed the document. The signature history must also show the individuals' email addresses and IP address.
- Office of the State Auditor staff will not coordinate obtaining signatures.

The application for exemption from audit form created by our office includes a section for governing body approval. Local governing boards note their approval and submit the application through one of the following three methods:

1) Submit the application in hard copy via the US Mail including original signatures.
2) Submit the application electronically via email and either,
a. Include a copy of an adopted resolution that documents formal approval by the Board, or
b. Include electronic signatures obtained through a software program such as Docusign or Echosign in accordance with the requirements noted above.

Below is the certification and approval of the governing body By signing, each individual member is certifying they are a duly elected or appointed officer of the local government. Governing members may be verified. Also by signing, the individual member certifies that this Application for Exemption from Audit has been prepared consistent with Section 29-1-604, C.R.S., which states that a governmental agency with revenue and expenditures of $750,000 or less must have an application prepared by an independent accountant with knowledge of governmental accounting; completed to the best of their knowledge and is accurate and true. Use additional pages if needed.

	MUST Print the names of ALL members of the governing body below.	A MAJORITY of the members of the governing body must sign below.
1	Full Name	I, _____, attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed_____ Date: _____ My term Expires:_____
2	Full Name	I, _____, attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed_____ Date: _____ My term Expires:_____
3	Full Name	I, _____, attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed_____ Date: _____ My term Expires:_____
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7	Full Name	I, _____, attest that I am a duly elected or appointed board member, and that I have personally reviewed and approve this application for exemption from audit. Signed_____ Date: _____ My term Expires:_____

EXAMPLE - DO NOT FILL OUT THIS PAGE

This sample resolution/ordinance for exemption from audit is provided as an example of the documentation that is required, the wording may be used as a basis for your own local government document, if needed, however you MUST draft your own ordinance or resolution making any changes where applicable. Legal counsel should be consulted regarding any questions.

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE FOR EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT

(Pursuant to Section 29-1-604, C.R.S.)

A RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM AUDIT FOR YEAR 20XX FOR THE **(name of government)**, STATE OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, the **(governing body)** of **(name of government)** wishes to claim exemption from the audit requirements of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, Section 29-1-604, C.R.S., states that any local government where neither revenues nor expenditures exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars may, with the approval of the State Auditor, be exempt from the provision of Section 29-1-603, C.R.S.; and

[Choose 1 or 2 below, whichever is applicable]

(1)WHEREAS, neither revenue nor expenditures for **(name of government)** exceeded $100,000 for Year 20XX; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for **(name of government)** has been prepared by **(name of individual)**, a person skilled in governmental accounting; and

OR

(2)WHEREAS, neither revenues nor expenditures for **(name of government)** exceeded $750,000 for Year 20XX; and

WHEREAS, an application for exemption from audit for **(name of government)** has been prepared by **(name of individual or firm)**, an independent accountant with knowledge of governmental accounting; and

WHEREAS, said application for exemption from audit has been completed in accordance with regulations, issued by the State Auditor.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved/ordained by the **(governing body)** of the **(name of government)** that the application for exemption from audit for **(name of government)** for the year ended _____, 20XX, has been personally reviewed and is hereby approved by a majority of the **(governing body)** of the **(name of government)**; that those members of the **(governing body)** have signified their approval by signing below; and that this resolution shall be attached to, and shall become a part of, the application for exemption from audit of the **(name of government)** for the year ended _____, 20XX.

ADOPTED THIS ___ day of _____, A.D. 20XX.

_____

Mayor/President/Chairman, etc.

ATTEST:

_____

Town Clerk, Secretary, etc.

Type or Print Names of Members of Governing Body	Date Term Expires	Signature

SAMPLE

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Renewable Energy Progress Report

2022 Inventory - Garfield Clean Energy

BACKGROUND & UTILITY CONTEXT

The 2022 Garfield Clean Energy Action Plan sets a goal of **100% carbon-free electricity[1] by 2030.** This report is the first of what will be annual updates on progress toward that goal. Tracking progress annually against this baseline report (using 2022 data) will increase overall understanding of how much has been accomplished and how much still needs to occur.

Strategies for meeting Garfield Clean Energy's (GCE) goals occur within the larger context of the policies, customer programs and the grid-supplied resource mix from electric utilities. GCE and Clean Energy Economy for the Region (CLEER) consistently work to accelerate progress toward clean energy targets. Promoting local renewable energy installations ensures that local communities receive the long-term benefits, such as reduced energy costs. Local investment in clean energy continues to demonstrate both environmental leadership and a commitment to local economic development.

UTILITY GRID MIX & BEYOND: UNDERSTANDING RENEWABLES WITHIN THE SYSTEM

The report classifies and quantifies renewable energy into two types:

Utility renewables – These are sources that supply clean electricity to the grid through the utility's own procurement processes, such as wholesale power purchase contracts, utility-owned assets and the utility's customer incentive and rate programs. Sources can include wind or solar farms, biomass, methane, hydropower and other clean generation. The utilities count most net-metered solar, community solar, solar-charged batteries, and other on-site interconnected renewables toward their overall "utility renewables" grid-mix calculation even if the customer installs the system on-site. In most cases, a customer who installs solar will choose to sell the Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)[2] generated by the system to the utility, allowing it to count the clean energy toward its Renewable Energy Standard[3] requirements. Local participation in these on-site renewable energy programs remains critical to reaching a carbon-free electricity goal.

Subscriptions and customer-retained RECs – Xcel and Holy Cross Energy (HCE) offer their customers subscriptions in voluntary programs that fund the utilities' purchase of additional clean energy (primarily wind). In Carbondale, Xcel customers can participate in two programs known as WindSource and Renewable Connect[4]; HCE customers can subscribe to its PuRE[5] program. Since these contributions aren't counted in the utilities' energy mixes, they must be added to arrive at Garfield County's total renewable energy percentage. Also added to the total are customer-retained Renewable Energy Credits (RECs), a fairly uncommon situation that arises when an Xcel customer opts to utilize the *net-metering-only* program but not the Solar Rewards incentive. Glenwood Springs Electric does not offer subscription based REC programs.

GCE's 2022 RENEWABLE ENERGY MIX: 59.1%

The proportion of electricity supplied in the GCE area by renewable energy on an annual basis in 2022 was **59.1%.** This figure, which will serve as the baseline for reporting progress in the coming years, is derived from data reported specifically for GCE's service territory by Xcel Energy (Xcel), Holy Cross Energy (HCE) and Glenwood Springs Electric (GSE).

The total renewable percentage is calculated as follows:

	Xcel	***HCE***	***GSE***
Utility Renewables (grid-mix):	+ 42.3 %	+ 50.00%	100%[6]

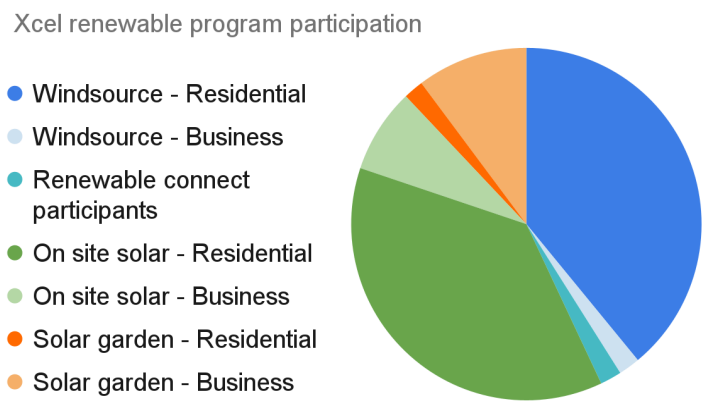
Subscriptions (Windsource, Renewable Connect, PuRE):	+ 1.00%	+ 2.30%	+0%
Customer-sited renewables with RECs retained:	+ 0.01%	+ 0.00%	+0%
Total renewable energy % by utility:	**= 43.31%**	**= 52.30%**	**100%**

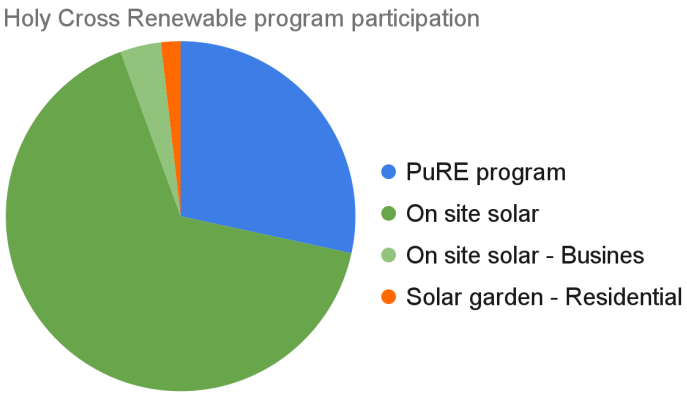
Taking into account the utilities' respective proportions of electricity, the weighted average comes to 59.1%. Please note that taking into account non-reported behind the meter production could increase this percentage to 59.7%.

GCE PARTICIPATION IN SOLAR AND UTILITY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS

While more renewable energy adoption is needed, the 2022 report clearly shows that GCE area residents and businesses are investing in renewable energy above and beyond the grid-supplied mix level of renewable energy. The charts below show the participation by residential and commercial accounts (premises / properties) in renewable energy programs for Xcel and HCE. Data provided by the utilities indicates that a total of **1,671** GCE area customers were participating in renewable energy programs in 2022 – **8% of all residential and commercial accounts.** The charts below show detailed breakdowns of all renewable programs, including utility renewables and additive renewables (PuRE, Windsource, Renewable Connect). While GSE does not provide the same type of data as Xcel and HCE, their data showed that **19** customers added net-metered solar in 2022.

[Figures 1 and 2] *Xcel program participation* *HCE program participation*





[Figure 3] Government and institutional solar sites in 2022

Site	KW capacity
Rifle WWTP + WTP pump station	2,320
Rifle City Hall	140.5
Garfield County Fairgrounds	101.2
CMC Rifle	102
Silt WTP	234
New Castle Public Works	70.5
Battlement Mesa Metro District WTP	435
Glenwood Community Center	20.5
Carbondale Rec Center	51.8
Roaring Fork High School	379
CRMS	150
Rifle Police Department	130

Local on-site solar - The cumulative capacity of on-site solar reported by all utilities in the GCE area by 2022 was 15.614 MW**.** The total number of premises with on-site solar in Garfield County was **1414 (or 5% of accounts)**.

Figure 3 shows a few examples of government and institutional solar sites throughout Garfield County, which had a total capacity of **4.742 MW** of installed capacity.

LOOKING AHEAD

A changing utility power landscape

Thanks to decades of community support for renewable energy, along with local adoption and investment, both HCE and Xcel are now deploying clean energy at a rapid pace. **Holy Cross Energy states that it will achieve 90% renewable energy by the end of 2024. Xcel plans to be 67% renewable energy by 2030.** For more detailed strategic recommendations, refer to the GCE 2023 Energy Action Plan, The Three-County Solar + Storage Study (2022), HCE's 2023 Power Supply Roadmap v4, The Colorado GHG Reduction Roadmap, Xcel's Clean Energy Plan Phase 2 (2023).

DEFINITIONS & BACKGROUND

[1] 100% carbon-free electricity - Although the Climate Action Plan uses the term "100% carbon-free electricity," during the planning process it was acknowledged that this is a complicated metric, with no industry-wide standard at present. This report tracks the percentage of annualized renewable energy using the same methodology and data as the utilities.

[2] RECs (Renewable Energy Certificates) are a market-based instrument that represents the property rights to the environmental, social, and other non-power attributes of renewable electricity generation. RECs are issued when one megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity is generated and delivered to the electricity grid from a renewable energy resource. In Colorado, RECs are used in the Certified Renewable Percentage (CRP) program, which is the primary certification program for calculating the renewable percentage of electricity for utilities.

[3] The Colorado Renewable Energy Standard (RES) is a law that requires utility companies to source a certain amount of the electricity sold from renewable sources, such as wind or solar. Under the law, investor-owned utilities were required to meet a standard of 30% of energy coming from renewable sources by 2020. For utilities serving 500,000 or more customers, the RES requires that they transition to 100% clean energy by 2050. Xcel and HCE have met their legal RES requirements but continue to report using the standard.

[4] WindSource allows Xcel customers to choose how much of their power they would like to receive from wind energy and is in addition to their standard electric charges. The customer is purchasing RECs generated by regional wind projects, adding more renewable energy to the grid. Customers may purchase a minimum of one block per month, which is the equivalent of 100 kWh. It is a monthly-term program and the subscription costs appear as a separate line item on a customer's utility bill. Renewable Connect is a new Xcel program that is similar to WindSource but also includes solar. Note that by the end of 2023 (the date of this publication), Renewable Connect replaced WindSource.

[5] PuRE - Holy Cross Energy offers a surcharge subscription REC program called PuRE. The PuRE power mix includes wind, solar and hydropower and currently costs $0.0065 per kWh.

[6] 100% - Glenwood Springs has a contract with the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN). According to MEAN, the claim of 100% renewable in the procurement contract indicates "they have made financial arrangements to purchase electric generation output from renewable energy resources equal to their business or city's electric demand over a certain period of time. Being connected to the electric grid, they are receiving electricity produced from whatever generating sources are on the grid — this includes natural gas, coal, nuclear and other forms of electric generation. Knowing this concept helps in understanding the current limitations of renewable resources, the importance of baseload resources to maintain a reliable grid, as well as the phrase of being '100 percent renewable' — as it relates to a financial arrangement rather than from an operational standpoint."

ADDITIONAL FIGURES

2022 HCE kWh and Customer Totals

Electricity	Number of Customers	Revenues
Business - 38,142,034 kWh	1,428	$4,111,229
Residential - 68,980,246 kWh	6.402	$8,546,582
Street Lighting - 365,607 kWh	10	$36,146
Total - 32,431,029 kWh	**7,840**	**$12,693,957**

2022 Xcel kWh and Customer Totals

Electricity	Number of Customers	Revenues
Business - 166,408,136 kWh	3,143	$18,290,461
Residential - 113,161,109 kWh	13,412	$15,599,408
Street Lighting - 932,344 kWh	N/A	$326,835
Total - 6,761,968 kWh	**16,555**	**$34,216,704**

2022 GSE kWh Totals

Electricity	Number of Customers	
Business - 7,301,051 kWh	1,336	$9,434,894
Residential - 4,548,387 kWh	5,225	$5,190,069
Street Lighting - 106,735 kWh	158	$109,692
Total - 125,852,438 kWh	**6,719**	**$14,734,656**

DATA SOURCES

Glenwood Springs Electricity: MEAN contract

Xcel Energy: Community Energy Reports and Renewable Energy Calculator

Holy Cross Energy: Community Energy Report developed by Lisa Reed, Holy Cross Energy Program Manager and team

Brendle Group: Data analysis by Jessica Sharkey, Data Lead, Xcel's Partners in Energy Program

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