Garfield Clean Energy
November 2025 Board Meeting

Friday, November 21, 2025
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Morgridge Commons
815 Cooper Ave, 2nd floor
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
or via Zoom
Meeting ID: 836 3550 9463

	AGENDA	Purpose	Time
1.	**Call meeting to order, roll call, introductions**		1:00 p.m.
2.	**Public comment** Regarding items not on agenda		1:05 p.m.
3.	**Regular business** - Approval of September 19th meeting minutes - September 2025 financials - 2024 Financial Review and Management Representation Letter approval	- Discussion - *Motion to approve*	1:10 p.m.
4.	**Board member clean energy round-robin** Clean energy progress and projects from member jurisdictions	- Share info and successes	1:20 p.m.
5.	**Goal 1: Energy savings in the built environment** - ReEnergize "lite" program update - Advanced Energy Management update and holiday energy savings events	- Information and discussion	1:35 p.m.
6.	**Goal 2: Locally-produced renewable energy** - GCE Members Solar Assessment presentation - Geothermal market development ICLEI grant update	- Information and discussion	1:50 p.m.
7.	**Other updates** - GCE Quarter 3 report - IMPACT Accelerator grant application submitted	- Information and discussion	2:15 p.m.
8.	**2026 budget hearing and CLEER scope of services** - 2026 budget hearing Resolution No. 2025-4: Adopt 2026 budget Resolution No. 2025-5: Appropriate 2026 funds - CLEER 2026 Contract and Scope of Services	- Discussion - *Motion to approve*	2:20 p.m.
9.	**Adjourn** Scheduling January 2026 meeting date	- Motion to adjourn	2:55 p.m.

Town of Parachute | City of Rifle | Town of Silt
Town of New Castle | City of Glenwood Springs
Town of Carbondale | Garfield County
Roaring Fork Transportation Authority
Colorado Mountain College | Holy Cross Energy
Garfield County Libraries

Board Meeting Minutes: Friday, September 19th, 2025, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Morgridge Commons at CMC, with some members attending virtually

Minutes taken by Emily Williams, CLEER

Board members attending

Garfield County:	Treasurer, Tom Jankovsky
CMC:	Ryan Shepherd (virtual)
RFTA:	Francie Jacober
Town of Carbondale:	Vice Chair, Jess Robison
City of Glenwood Springs:	Steve Smith
Town of Parachute:	Chris Jackson (virtual)

Affiliate members present

Garfield County Libraries:	Jamie LaRue
Holy Cross Energy:	Jenna Wetherred (1:06)

Board members not present

City of Rifle:	Chair, Sean Strode
Town of Silt:	Kim Ingelhart
Town of New Castle:	Secretary, Bruce Leland

Others attending

CLEER:	Morgan Hill, Alice Laird, Emily Williams
Community Members:	Cassie Konley, CMC Student
	Eric Rudd, Garfield County Planning and Zoning Commission (1:19)

Call meeting to order:
Jess Robison called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call:
Jess Robison conducted the roll call.

Board member and public comment:
- The group performed introductions of all attendees.
- No additional Board member or public comment.

Regular business:
Approval of July 19th meeting minutes
- *Tom Jankovsky moved to approve the July minutes, seconded by Francie Jacober. All in favor (1:05).*

Approval of June, July, and August 2025 financials

- Tom walked through the financials and noted that all appears to be in good shape for this time of year. Specifically, we are two-thirds of the way through the year, and have spent 54% of the budget.
- *Tom Jankovsky moved to approve the June, July, and August financials, seconded by Francie Jacober. All in favor* (1:07).

<u>Round robin updates:</u> Clean energy progress and projects from member jurisdictions

- Tom Jankovsky reported that everything at the county had been about budgets recently.
- Jamie LaRue reported that the library district was also working on budgets. They have completed the New Castle and Parachute Library projects and are in the planning stages for the Rifle and Silt Library remodels. Jamie mentioned that energy will be a factor in the remodels.
- Francie Jacober provided a range of updates from RFTA. RFTA hired Hannah Klausmann from CoGS as the new regional planning director. Francie provided updates on RFTA's Free Fare program, which will run from Oct 1 - Nov 30 and will include all regional routes (BRT, Local, and Hogback). The goal of the program is to experiment and see what happens to ridership. RFTA's $32.8 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Low- and No-Emissions program has been unfrozen. Francie noted that Pitkin County's multimodal BUILD grant was also unfrozen**.**
    - There is an "upvalley" Transportation Coalition that wants to look at managing congestion and make recommendations to elected officials. CLEER and GWS staff have attended some of these meetings.
    - RFTA staff input is that RFTA has capacity for additional ridership.
- Steve Smith updated the group that CoGS had rehired Trent Hyatt from Eagle County to as their new Community Development director. CoGS is participating in the Transportation Management Organization (TMO) work. Steve also updated the group about the Ride Glenwood on-demand shuttles. He mentioned that there is a lot of interest in the program, but it is unclear whether it is helping make an impact on traffic. CoGS will be analysing the data to get a sense of where people travel and inform fixed route buses.
- Jess Robison reported on initial findings from the first year of a three-year contract with the Downtowner program. Currently, the program is free to users and funded by RFTA and the Town of Carbondale. The program is a success at solving the first-mile last-mile problem, as 50% of rides are to and from a park-and-ride. There are still 10,000 rides per month on the Carbondale Circulator. Wait times are an issue. Options for long-term funding include removing the circulator fixed route service and adding a third bus to the Downtowner. Additionally, TOC had a worksession about Wildfire risk and is considering conducting a study.
    - The Downtowner is handicap accessible and costs $8k per month for WE-cycle and the Downtowner. Jess added that car seats are provided in the Downtowner.
- Jenna Wetherred highlighted that Holy Cross also received notification that one of their federal grants is unfrozen. Holy Cross is also working on wildfire mitigation at several levels. They have identified Cattle Creek as an at-risk line and are working to underground the first 3 miles from 82. Holy Cross is also working on a public safety power shutoff policy and has hired a wildfire mitigation specialist.
- Ryan Shephard updated that Sean and Ryan attended the Rocky Mountain APPA conference, which supported their geothermal efforts. They viewed MSU's Geothermal district energy system. Sean and Ryan are continuing to gain clarity around their upcoming Steamboat geothermal project. CMC is installing 3 more EV charging stations through ChargePoint.
- Chris reported that Parachute is also in the midst of budget season & budget workshops. Otherwise, things are status quo in Parachute.

<u>IMPACT Accelerator grant opportunity</u>

Grant requirements

- This opportunity is for local governments (cities and counties) or cohorts led by local governments. Cohorts are encouraged.
- Up to $200k is available for policy work, and $1.8 million is available for the implementation of projects. Recipients can work on policy work and a project. The policy and the project do not have to be related, and the policy does not have to be adopted to be awarded the funds, but there must be a policy component to the application.
- The grant requires a 5% match; half being cash and the rest can be in-kind.
- The Letter of Intent Round 2 is open from October 1 to November 17.
- The four project areas are land use, transportation, buildings, and waste. The program wants projects that end by 2029 or sooner.

Policy and project options for GCE

- The group discussed clarifying questions about the grant.
    - Jess asked for clarification around GCE's interest in policy and project.
    - Steve asked if the lead applicant would end up disbursing subgrants.
        - Morgan clarified that funding could flow to several entities, but not through subgrants.
    - Tom confirmed that Garfield County is not interested in serving as the lead applicant. He cited the budget shortfall, subsequent hiring freeze, and reduction of staff personnel.
    - The lead applicant can serve as the pass-through for funding to GCE.
    - Alice expressed that the CEO is interested in funding projects throughout Colorado, and wants the benefits to last.

GCE member jurisdiction who can be lead applicant

- Jess responded that Carbondale is interested in the grant.
- Steve mentioned that the Glenwood finance staff are not interested in adding extra expenses. Steve wants to find a way to ensure that GWS isn't fully responsible for funding the match.
- 2-3 subcommittee meetings were suggested. One to brainstorm, another to bring info back to boards and councils, and a third to finalize the letter of intent.
- Jenna clarified that the policy could be to fund GCE projects long-term.
- Jess would be happy to be part of a subcommittee. The group agreed that they would need to have a solid plan by mid-October. Steve is interested in being part of the conversation, but needs to gain support from GWS council and staff.
- There are 3 different levels of budget, and those can include multiple policies and projects.
- One project idea is funding for residential energy rebates (ReEnergize).

<u>Goal 1: Energy savings in the built environment</u>

ReEnergize program

- This year GCE is putting on a ReEnergize "lite" program that focuses on assessments and direct installations. The goal is 20 households. Working with NWCCOG.
- Many applicants have been eligible for GWS electric, CARE, or WAP.
- GCE is also providing coaching on other available resources for home energy efficiency. Energy Smart CO has an EECBG grant, and CORE is also providing rebates.

Holy Cross Energy Powers Art Center battery installation - Jenna Weatherred

- Jenna explained Holy Cross's mission, vision, and talked about the project's goals to provide safety to the art and remain sustainable. The project is producing 75% energy needs on-site and added battery storage. This adds more sustainability and energy resilience. Holy Cross is looking to build more similar projects.
- Holy Cross worked with SunSense on the solar installation. Rudd construction built the facility.

Goal 3: Clean mobility and mode shifting

Transportation Management Organization (TMO) development and summer pilot program

- Emily explained the goals of the pilot program, the connection to member transportation goals, and reported on results from August.
- Emily briefly mentioned 4 grant programs; Charge Ahead Colorado Funding to install electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. Fleet ZERO funding for electric vehicle (EV) charging to support fleet EVs. Clean Fleet Vehicle and Technology Funding for commercial EVs. Community Electric Bicycle Grants to support e-bike deployment across the state for fleets, delivery, and shared e-cargo bike programs.

Goal 5: Economic development

CRVEDP data project update

- CRVEDP has a scenario planning project to look at different economic drivers. Clean energy is integrated with renewable energy & building components.

2026 GCE budget

2026 draft budget and funding requests

- Morgan has reached out to all GCE members or scheduled presentations to their boards.
    - Carbondale, Silt, and Rifle have asked for a presentation. CLEER staff are happy to present to any other members.
- The BOCC has one more budget workshop on October 21st, with an opportunity for public comment. Tom noted that all grants have been reduced and that there will be organizations at the BOCC meeting who are receiving nothing from the county.
    - The County has a $9 million budget shortfall due to declining property tax revenues from oil and gas. They are currently in a hiring freeze and have cut 5% of budgets across all departments.
    - The County's budget overall is $100 million. 50% of their revenue comes from oil and gas production at the well head and personal property.
- The group discussed the question of how GCE funds itself.
- There was a short general discussion of other possible county revenue sources, including property taxes from solar.
- Morgan noted that some municipalities were increasing their contribution by 10%
- Tom clarified that the county's contribution is going back to what it was 4 years ago.
- Steve and Morgan talked about how to ask for more money from specific boards.

The next meeting is on November 21st.

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 3:06.

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

By: _____
Sean Strode, Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Bruce Leland, Secretary

Garfield Clean Energy
P&L Budget vs. Actual
January through September 2025

	Jan - Sep 25	Budget	$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
3000 · Partnership Funding				
3100 · Garfield County	315,000.00	315,000.00	0.00	100.0%
3200 · Parachute	3,400.00	3,400.00	0.00	100.0%
3300 · Rifle	12,100.00	12,100.00	0.00	100.0%
3400 · Silt	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00	100.0%
3500 · New Castle	17,300.00	17,300.00	0.00	100.0%
3600 · Glenwood Springs	64,000.00	64,000.00	0.00	100.0%
3700 · Carbondale	42,000.00	42,000.00	0.00	100.0%
3800 · Colorado Mountain College	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	100.0%
4200 · RFTA	49,500.00	49,500.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 3000 · Partnership Funding	546,900.00	546,900.00	0.00	100.0%
5000 · Other Funding				
5100 · Community Partners	8,500.00	10,000.00	-1,500.00	85.0%
5300 · Grants				
5300.2 · Energy Code Adop & Enforcement	13,447.50			
5300 · Grants - Other	0.00	77,080.00	-77,080.00	0.0%
Total 5300 · Grants	13,447.50	77,080.00	-63,632.50	17.45%
5500 · Affiliate - Holy Cross Energy	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00	100.0%
5600 · Affiliate - Library District	11,100.00	11,100.00	0.00	100.0%
Total 5000 · Other Funding	45,547.50	110,680.00	-65,132.50	41.15%
Total Income	592,447.50	657,580.00	-65,132.50	90.1%
Gross Profit	592,447.50	657,580.00	-65,132.50	90.1%
Expense				
Energy Efficency Energy Sav Pro				
10000 · Commercial Sector				
11000 · Energy Coaching	17,114.90	50,000.00	-32,885.10	34.23%
12000 · Outreach/Educ/Training/Website	8,671.49	20,000.00	-11,328.51	43.36%
13000 · Commerical Energy Efficiency Re	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 10000 · Commercial Sector	25,786.39	70,000.00	-44,213.61	36.84%
20000 · Residential Sector				
21000 · Energy Coaching	78,625.80	102,000.00	-23,374.20	77.08%
22000 · Outreach/Educ/Training/Website	43,085.66	50,000.00	-6,914.34	86.17%
Total 20000 · Residential Sector	121,711.46	152,000.00	-30,288.54	80.07%
21110 · GCE ReEnergize Rebates	11,234.95	20,000.00	-8,765.05	56.18%
21120 · EECBG ReEnergize Rebates	0.00	77,080.00	-77,080.00	0.0%
Total Energy Efficency Energy Sav Pro	158,732.80	319,080.00	-160,347.20	49.75%
30000 · Clean Mobility				
31000 · Transportation	43,126.42	42,000.00	1,126.42	102.68%
32000 · Efficient Vehicles/Fleets				
32100 · Fleets, Fuels Workshop/Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
32200 · Efficient Vehicles/Alt Fuels	21,682.85	25,000.00	-3,317.15	86.73%
Total 32000 · Efficient Vehicles/Fleets	21,682.85	25,000.00	-3,317.15	86.73%
Total 30000 · Clean Mobility	64,809.27	67,000.00	-2,190.73	96.73%
40000 · Renewable Energy				

Garfield Clean Energy
P&L Budget vs. Actual
January through September 2025

	Jan - Sep 25	Budget	$ Over Budget	% of Budget
41000 · Technical assistance & Educatn	15,747.60	18,000.00	-2,252.40	87.49%
42000 · Implementation of Local Renewab	8,044.70	10,000.00	-1,955.30	80.45%
Total 40000 · Renewable Energy	23,792.30	28,000.00	-4,207.70	84.97%
50000 · Government Facilities				
51000 · Energy Data Mgt/Bldg engy navig	44,956.50	68,000.00	-23,043.50	66.11%
52000 · Active Energy Mgt Coaching	18,969.50	42,000.00	-23,030.50	45.17%
Total 50000 · Government Facilities	63,926.00	110,000.00	-46,074.00	58.12%
60000 · Special Projects				
61000 · Updated Energy Plan Resources,	4,263.10	11,500.00	-7,236.90	37.07%
62000 · 2023 Goal 5-Econ Devol, Workfor	4,785.00	18,000.00	-13,215.00	26.58%
Total 60000 · Special Projects	9,048.10	29,500.00	-20,451.90	30.67%
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	2,495.61	2,400.00	95.61	103.98%
91000 · Proj mgmt/plan/report/mtgs/budg - Other	60,766.42	80,000.00	-19,233.58	75.96%
Total 91000 · Proj mgmt/plan/report/mtgs/budg	63,262.03	88,400.00	-25,137.97	71.56%
92000 · Legal Services	1,372.50	3,000.00	-1,627.50	45.75%
93000 · Accounting/Bookkeeping	4,646.25	7,000.00	-2,353.75	66.38%
95000 · Contingency	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
Total 90000 · Countywide GCE Partnership Svc	69,280.78	101,400.00	-32,119.22	68.32%
Total Expense	389,589.25	654,980.00	-265,390.75	59.48%
Net Income	**202,858.25**	**2,600.00**	**200,258.25**	**7,802.24%**

Garfield Clean Energy
Balance Sheet
As of September 30, 2025

Accrual Basis

	Sep 30, 25
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
103 · Alpine Bank (4668)	261,641.77
Total Checking/Savings	261,641.77
Accounts Receivable	
110 · Accounts Receivable	9,140.00
Total Accounts Receivable	9,140.00
Total Current Assets	270,781.77
TOTAL ASSETS	**270,781.77**
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
200 · Accounts Payable	38,936.68
Total Accounts Payable	38,936.68
Total Current Liabilities	38,936.68
Total Liabilities	38,936.68
Equity	
320 · Retained Earnings	28,986.84
Net Income	202,858.25
Total Equity	231,845.09
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	**270,781.77**

Garfield Clean Energy
Income vs Expenses by fund
Accrual Basis — **September 2025**

	GCE	TOTAL
Income		
5000 · Other Funding		
5100 · Community Partners	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total 5000 · Other Funding	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Income	5,000.00	5,000.00
Gross Profit	5,000.00	5,000.00
Expense		
Energy Efficency Energy Sav Pro		
10000 · Commercial Sector		
11000 · Energy Coaching	742.50	742.50
12000 · Outreach/Educ/Training/Website	210.10	210.10
Total 10000 · Commercial Sector	952.60	952.60
20000 · Residential Sector		
21000 · Energy Coaching	6,545.00	6,545.00
22000 · Outreach/Educ/Training/Website	7,023.44	7,023.44
Total 20000 · Residential Sector	13,568.44	13,568.44
Total Energy Efficency Energy Sav Pro	14,521.04	14,521.04
30000 · Clean Mobility		
31000 · Transportation	550.00	550.00
32000 · Efficient Vehicles/Fleets		
32200 · Efficient Vehicles/Alt Fuels	5,773.90	5,773.90
Total 32000 · Efficient Vehicles/Fleets	5,773.90	5,773.90
Total 30000 · Clean Mobility	6,323.90	6,323.90
40000 · Renewable Energy		
41000 · Technical assistance & Educatn	770.00	770.00
42000 · Implementation of Local Renewab	330.00	330.00
Total 40000 · Renewable Energy	1,100.00	1,100.00
50000 · Government Facilities		
51000 · Energy Data Mgt/Bldg engy navig	4,986.00	4,986.00
52000 · Active Energy Mgt Coaching	1,145.10	1,145.10
Total 50000 · Government Facilities	6,131.10	6,131.10
60000 · Special Projects		
62000 · 2023 Goal 5-Econ Devol, Workfor	990.00	990.00
Total 60000 · Special Projects	990.00	990.00
90000 · Countywide GCE Partnership Svc		
91000 · Proj mgmt/plan/report/mtgs/budg	8,976.14	8,976.14
93000 · Accounting/Bookkeeping	452.50	452.50
Total 90000 · Countywide GCE Partnership Svc	9,428.64	9,428.64
Total Expense	38,494.68	38,494.68
Net Income	**-33,494.68**	**-33,494.68**

Garfield Clean Energy
Prior Month Paid Bills

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Credit
103 · Alpine Bank (4668)					
Bill Pmt -Check	09/09/2025	bill pay	New Energy Technology, Inc	X	4,810.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/09/2025	bill pay	Clean Energy Economy for the Region Inc.	X	29,788.00
Bill Pmt -Check	09/12/2025	ACH	Balanced Bookkeeping & Payroll, Inc.	X	473.75
Total 103 · Alpine Bank (4668)					35,071.75
TOTAL					**35,071.75**

Garfield Clean Energy
A/R Aging Summary
As of September 30, 2025

	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	> 90	TOTAL
Alpine Bank	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Colorado Energy Office	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,640.00	2,640.00
Holy Cross Energy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Xcel Energy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL	**0.00**	**5,000.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**4,140.00**	**9,140.00**

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October 31, 2025

Board of Directors
Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative
Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Dear Board members:

We are pleased to confirm our understanding of the services we are to provide the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative ("GCE") for the year ended December 31, 2024.

We will prepare and review the financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund, which collectively comprise GCE's basic financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Our Responsibilities

The objective of our engagement is to:

- Prepare financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America based on information provided by you; and
- Obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We will conduct our engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services (“SSARSs”) promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA and comply with the AICPA’s Code of Professional Conduct, including ethical principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence, and due care.

A review engagement includes primarily applying analytical procedures to your financial data and making inquiries of company management. A review engagement is substantially less in scope than an audit engagement, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. A review engagement does not contemplate obtaining an understanding of the GCE’s internal control; assessing fraud risk; testing accounting records by obtaining sufficient appropriate audit evidence through inspection, observation, confirmation, or the examination of source documents; or other procedures ordinarily performed in an audit engagement. Accordingly, we will not express an opinion regarding the financial statements.

Our engagement cannot be relied upon to identify or disclose any financial statement misstatements, including those caused by error or fraud, or to identify or disclose any wrongdoing within GCE or noncompliance with laws and regulations. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors and any evidence or information that comes to our attention during the performance of our review procedures that indicates fraud may have occurred. In addition, we will report to you any evidence or information that comes to our attention during the performance of our review procedures regarding noncompliance with laws and regulations that may have occurred, unless they are clearly inconsequential.

Your Responsibilities

The engagement to be performed is conducted on the basis that you acknowledge and understand that our role is to obtain limited assurance, primarily by performing analytical procedures and inquiries, as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for the statements to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. You have the following overall responsibilities that are fundamental to our undertaking the engagement in accordance with SSARSs:

a. The selection of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as the financial reporting framework to be applied in the preparation of the financial statements.
b. The preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the inclusion of all informative disclosures that are appropriate for accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
c. The design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
d. The prevention and detection of fraud.
e. To ensure that the GCE complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities.
f. The accuracy and completeness of the records, documents, explanations, and other information, including significant judgments, you provide to us for the engagement.
g. To provide us with:
    i. Access to all information of which you are aware is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters; and
    ii. Additional information that we may request from you for the purpose of the review engagement;
    iii. Unrestricted access to persons within GCE of whom we determine it necessary to make inquiries.
h. To provide us, at the conclusion of the engagement, with a letter that confirms certain representations made during the review.

You are also responsible for all management decisions and responsibilities, and for designating an individual with suitable skills, knowledge, and experience to oversee our preparation of your financial statements. You are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and results of services performed and accepting responsibility for such services.

Our Report

We will issue a written report upon completion of our review of GCE's financial statements. Our report will be addressed to the board of directors of GCE. We cannot provide assurance that an unmodified accountant's review report will be issued. Circumstances may arise in which it is necessary for us to report known departures from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, add an emphasis-of-matter or other-matter paragraph(s), or withdraw from the engagement. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the review of your financial statements, we will not issue a report on such statements as a result of this engagement.

You agree to include our accountant's review report in any document containing financial statements that indicates that such financial statements have been reviewed by us and, prior to inclusion of the report, to ask our permission to do so.

Other Relevant Information

As part of our engagement, we will also perform the following non-attest services:

- Prepare the financial statements and related footnotes to be reviewed and approved by management
- Proposed adjusting or correcting journal entries to be reviewed and approved by management

With respect to any non-attest services we perform:

- We will not assume management responsibilities on behalf of GCE. However, we will provide advice and recommendations to assist management of GCE in performing its responsibilities.
- GCE's management is responsible for (a) making all management decisions and performing all management functions; (b) assigning a competent individual to oversee the services; (c) evaluating the adequacy of the services performed; (d) evaluating and accepting responsibility for the results of the services performed; and (e) establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring ongoing activities.

Our responsibilities and limitations of the engagement are as follows:

- We will perform the services in accordance with applicable professional standards, including SSARSs
- This engagement is limited to the services previously outlined. Our firm, in its sole professional judgment, reserves the right to refuse to do any procedure or take any action that could be construed as making management decisions or assuming management responsibilities, including determining account coding and approving journal entries.

With regard to the electronic dissemination of reviewed financial statements, including financial statements published electronically on your website, you understand that electronic sites are a means to distribute information and, therefore, we are not required to read the information contained in these sites or to consider the consistency of other information in the electronic site with the original document. We understand that your employees will prepare all reconciliations or work papers we request, and will locate any documents selected by us for testing.

The documentation for this engagement is the property of McMahan and Associates, L.L.C. and constitutes confidential information. However, pursuant to authority given by law or regulation, we may be requested to make certain documentation available to GCE's cognizant or oversight agency or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, the U.S. Government Accountability Office, or peer reviewers for purposes of a quality review of the engagement, to resolve engagement findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. If requested, access to such documentation will be provided under the supervision of McMahan and Associates, L.L.C. personnel. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide copies of selected documentation to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend, or decide, to distribute the copies or information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies.

Matthew D. Miller, CPA is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it. Additional firm personnel will be assigned to the engagement as necessary. We will schedule our fieldwork with you at a mutually convenient time. You agree to release, indemnify, defend, and hold us harmless from any liability or costs, including attorney's fees, resulting from management's knowing misrepresentations to us.

Our fee for these services will be at our standard hourly rates plus out-of-pocket costs (such as report reproduction, word processing, postage, travel, copies, telephone, etc.) except that we agree that our gross fee, including expenses will not exceed $6,000 for the review. Our standard hourly rates vary according to the degree of responsibility involved and the experience level of the personnel assigned to the engagement.

Other Relevant Information (continued)

Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation. Our fee estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the engagement. If significant additional time is necessary, we will keep you informed of any problems we encounter and our fees will be adjusted accordingly.

If requested by management or the Board of Directors, we would be pleased to present our findings to you upon completion of our engagement.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Sincerely,
McMahan and Associates, L.L.C.

McMahan and Associates, L.L.C.

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative with respect to services to be provided by McMahan and Associates, L.L.C.

Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative
BY:

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Signature

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Title

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Date

Management Representation Letter

Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative

McMahan & Associates, LLC
P.O. Box 5850
Avon, Colorado 81620

This representation letter is provided in connection with your review of the financial statements of Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative ("GCE"), which comprise the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the General Fund as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of obtaining limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for the statements to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation of GCE's financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and for the selection and application of GCE's accounting policies. Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of the date of this letter, the following representations made to you during your review.

Financial Statements

1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the review engagement letter.
2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the primary government and all component units required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity.
3) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
5) All transactions have been recorded and are reflected in the financial statements.
6) Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates are reasonable.
7) We have responded fully and truthfully to all of your inquiries.
8) Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of U.S. GAAP.
9) We have disclosed to you all information relevant to the use of the going concern assumption in the financial statements.
10) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed. No events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements.

11) The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

12) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which GCE is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

Information Provided

13) We have provided you with:

    a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.

    b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the review.

    c) Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom you determined it necessary to obtain review evidence.

    d) Minutes of the meetings of Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.

14) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.

15) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.

16) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the entity and involves:

    a) Management,

    b) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or

    c) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

17) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.

18) We have disclosed to you all known instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.

19) We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

20) No material losses exist (such as from obsolete inventory or purchase or sale commitments) that have not been properly accrued or disclosed in the financial statements.

21) We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying amounts or classification of assets and liabilities.

Government—specific

22) We have made available to you all financial records and related data.

23) Other than those disclosed there have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.

24) We have a process to track the status of review findings and recommendations.

25) We have identified to you any previous reviews, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the review objectives and whether related recommendations have been implemented.

26) We have provided our views on reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as our planned corrective actions, for the report.

27) GCE has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or equity.

28) We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts; and we have identified and disclosed to you all laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts or other financial data significant to the review objectives, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.

29) There are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.

30) As part of your review, you assisted with preparation of the financial statements and related notes. We have designated an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee your services and have made all management decisions and performed all management functions. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and related notes.

31) GCE has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.

32) GCE has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.

33) We have followed all applicable laws and regulations in adopting, approving, and amending budgets.

34) The financial statements include all component units as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations.

35) The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities.

36) Components of net assets (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) and equity amounts are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.

37) Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.

38) Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.

39) We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.

40) With respect to the budgetary schedule:

    a) We acknowledge our responsibility for presenting the budgetary schedule in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and we believe the budgetary schedule, including its form and content, is fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

    b) If the budgetary schedule is not presented with the reviewed financial statements, we will make the reviewed financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date we issue the supplementary information and the reviewer's report thereon.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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Financial Report

(Unaudited)

December 31, 2024

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Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative
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McMahan and Associates, L.L.C.
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative
Carbondale, Colorado

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the General Fund of Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative ("GCE"), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, which collectively comprises GCE's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of the GCE's management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of GCE and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT
To the Board of Directors
Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative

Other Matters

Our review was made primarily for the purpose of expressing a conclusion that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis in Section B be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economical, or historical context. Such information has not been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, and, accordingly, we do not express any assurance on it.

The budgetary comparison information in section E is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such information has been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, and we did not become aware of any material modifications that should be made to it.

McMahan and Associates, LLC
Avon, Colorado

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative

Management's Discussion and Analysis
December 31, 2024

As management of Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative ("GCE"), we offer readers of GCE's financial statements this narrative introduction, overview and analysis of the financial activities of GCE for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to GCE's basic financial statements. GCE's basic financial statements consist of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements; 2) fund financial statements; and 3) notes to the financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements: The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of GCE's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all GCE's assets and liabilities with the difference between the amounts reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of GCE is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that result in cash flows in prior or future fiscal periods.

The governmental activity of GCE is primarily program coordination, coaching, education, marketing, and training through various programs, as well as coordination of the intergovernmental authority. These efforts are designed to create a more energy independent, energy secure, thriving and stable economy. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages C1 and C2 of this report.

Fund financial statements: A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. GCE, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. GCE currently has one fund, the General Fund, which is a governmental fund.

Governmental funds: Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of expendable resources, as well as on balances of expendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements. The fund financial statements are located on pages C3 and C4 of this report.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Normally, a reconciliation is presented to reconcile the fund balances of the governmental funds to the net position as reported in the government-wide financial statements and an additional reconciliation is presented reconciling the net change in fund balances of the governmental funds to the change in net position of the governmental activities. These reconciliations can be useful to facilitate the comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities as reported in the government-wide financial statements.

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Overview of the Financial Statements (continued)

Notes to the financial statements: The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages D1 – D7 of this report.

Government-wide Financial Analysis: Condensed financial data provides an overview of GCE's financial statements and provides the context for a better understanding of the basic financial statements. The following table shows GCE's condensed government-wide comparative financial data for the governmental activities for the current and prior fiscal years. GCE had no business-type activities during 2024.

	2024	2023
Assets		
Current assets	80,258	183,240
Total Assets	80,258	183,240
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	51,273	82,372
Total Liabilities	51,273	82,372
Net Position:		
Unrestricted	28,985	100,868
Total Net Position	28,985	100,868
Revenues:		
Grants	21,475	12,400
Partnership funding	569,100	524,980
Other funding	49,143	10,500
Total Revenues	639,718	547,880
Expenses:		
Programs	617,179	527,798
Partnership Services	94,422	99,145
Total Expenses	711,601	626,943
Change in Net Position	(71,883)	(79,063)
Net Position - Beginning	100,868	179,931
Net Position - Ending	28,985	100,868

Overall Analysis

GCE's overall financial position, as measured by total net position, decreased by $71,883 during 2024. This decrease is due mainly to an increase in the expenses for the programs in 2024.

Financial Analysis of GCE's Funds

GCE uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. A discussion of GCE's funds follows.

Governmental Funds: The focus of GCE's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing GCE's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, GCE's governmental fund reported an ending fund balance of $28,985.

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Budget Variances in GCE's General Fund

This discussion refers to the "Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance" table on page E1 of this document and will cover budget variances.

Expenditures were under budget by $67,329 in 2024. Expenditures were primarily under budget due to the $77,080 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, which was included in the budget but not received. The grant application was submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy in September 2024; however, federal funding delays and staffing constraints resulted in the funds not being disbursed during the fiscal year.

Comparative Information and Analysis

Garfield Clean Energy's actual expenditures totaled $711,601 in 2024 compared to $626,943 in 2023. GCE ended 2024 with fund balance of $28,985 compared to $100,868 at the end of 2023.

Next Year's Budget

Looking forward to 2025, Garfield Clean Energy anticipates a more balanced budget due to adjustments in spending and consistent partner contributions. Grant funding, including EECBG support for ReEnergize, will continue to strengthen core programs, with expenditures reflecting increased focus on clean mobility initiatives and the removal of the water program.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of GCE's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative, P.O. Box 428, Carbondale, Colorado 81623.

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative
Statement of Net Position
Governmental Activities
December 31, 2024
(Unaudited)

Assets:	
Cash	66,143
Contributions receivable	14,115
Total Assets	80,258
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	51,273
Total Liabilities	51,273
Net Position:	
Unrestricted	28,985
Total Net Position	28,985

See accompanying notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report.

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Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative
Statement of Activities
Governmental Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024
(Unaudited)

	Expenses	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Governmental Activities:			
Commercial energy coaching and program coordination	75,460	-	(75,460)
Residential energy coaching and program coordination	174,453	-	(174,453)
CGE ReEngergize rebates	98,968	-	(98,968)
Petroleum Independence Project	85,331	-	(85,331)
Countywide Energy Portfolio Diversity	23,311	-	(23,311)
Government Facilities Program	100,880	-	(100,880)
Partnership services	94,422	-	(94,422)
Special projects	58,776	-	(58,776)
Total Governmental Activities	711,601	-	(711,601)
General revenues:			
Partnership funding			569,100
Grants and contributions			21,475
Other funding			49,143
Total general revenues			639,718
Change in Net Position			(71,883)
Net Position - Beginning			100,868
Net Position - Ending			28,985

See accompanying notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report.

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative
Balance Sheet
General Fund
December 31, 2024
(Unaudited)

Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	66,143
Contributions receivable	14,115
Total Assets	80,258
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	51,273
Total Liabilities	51,273
Fund Balances:	
Unassigned	28,985
Total Fund Balance	28,985
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	80,258

See accompanying notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report.

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Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024
(Unaudited)

Revenues:	
Grants and contributions	21,475
Partnership funding	569,100
Other funding	49,143
Total Revenues	639,718
Expenditures:	
Commercial energy coaching and program coordination	75,460
Residential energy coaching and program coordination	174,453
CGE rebates	98,968
Petroleum Independence Project	85,331
Countywide Energy Portfolio Diversity	23,311
Government Facilities Program	100,880
Partnership services	94,422
Special projects	58,776
Total Expenditures	711,601
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	(71,883)
Fund Balance, Beginning	100,868
Fund Balance, End	28,985

See accompanying notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2024
(Unaudited)

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative ("GCE") was formed in January 2012 under an intergovernmental agreement between various local governments (the "Partners") in Garfield County, Colorado, to collaborate in creating a more energy independent, energy secure, thriving and stable economy. Partners on December 31, 2024 were as follows:

Garfield County
City of Glenwood Springs
City of Rifle
Town of Carbondale
Roaring Fork Transportation Authority
Town of New Castle
Town of Parachute
Town of Silt
Colorado Mountain College

GCE's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). The more significant accounting policies established by GAAP used by GCE are discussed below.

A. Reporting Entity

The reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government; i.e., GCE, and (b) organizations for which GCE is financially accountable. GCE is considered financially accountable for legally separate organizations if it is able to appoint a voting majority of an organization's governing body and is either able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or to impose specific financial burdens on, GCE. Consideration is also given to other organizations, which are fiscally dependent; i.e., unable to adopt a budget, levy taxes, or issue debt without approval by GCE. Organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with GCE are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete are also included in the reporting entity.

Based on the criteria above, GCE is not financially accountable for any other entity nor is GCE a component unit of any other government.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

GCE's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting GCE as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting GCE's major fund). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. Currently, GCE has only governmental activities.

1. Government-wide Financial Statements

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, the governmental activities column is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations.

The government-wide focus is on the sustainability of GCE as an entity and the change in GCE's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

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I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements (continued)

2. Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of GCE are reported in an individual fund in the fund financial statements. The fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The fund focus is on current available resources and budget compliance.

GCE reports the following governmental fund:

The *General Fund* is the general operating fund of GCE. It is used to account for all financial resources.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to whether financial statements measure changes in current resources only (current financial focus) or changes in both current and long-term resources (long-term economic focus). Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues, expenditures, or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements.

1. Long-term Economic Focus and Accrual Basis

Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements use the long-term economic focus and are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.

2. Current Financial Focus and Modified Accrual Basis

The governmental fund financial statements use the current financial focus and are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. “Available” means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are generally recognized when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

D. Restricted Assets

Certain cash balances of the General Fund are classified as restricted because their use is restricted by the provisions of the U.S. Department of Energy Better Buildings grant.

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I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

E. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by GCE because it is at present considered not necessary to assure effective budgetary control or to facilitate effective cash planning and control.

F. Fund Balance

GCE classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

Non-spendable - includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual requirements.

Restricted – includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision-making authority which is the Board of Directors.

Assigned – includes spendable fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed. Fund balance may be assigned by the Board of Directors or its management designee.

Unassigned - includes residual positive fund balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the other above-mentioned categories. Unassigned fund balance may also include negative balances for any governmental fund if expenditures exceed amounts restricted, committed, or assigned for those specific purposes.

GCE uses restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as in grant agreements requiring dollar for dollar spending. Additionally, GCE first uses committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

GCE does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy. However, GCE’s budget includes a calculation of a targeted reserve position and management calculates targets and reports them annually to the Board of Directors.

G. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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II. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

A. Budgetary Information

In the fall of each year, GCE's Board of Directors formally adopts a budget with appropriations by fund for the ensuing year pursuant to the Colorado Local Budget Law. Budgets for governmental funds are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP.

As required by Colorado statutes GCE follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

(1) On or before October 15, GCE's management submitted to GCE's Board of Directors a recommended budget which detailed the necessary revenues to meet GCE's operating requirements.

(2) After a required publication of "Notice of Proposed Budget" GCE adopted the proposed budget and an appropriating resolution which legally appropriated expenditures for the upcoming year.

(3) After adoption of the budget resolution, GCE may make the following changes: a) supplemental appropriations to the extent of revenues in excess of those estimated in the budget; b) emergency appropriations; and c) reduction of appropriations for which originally estimated revenues are insufficient.

The level of control in the budget at which expenditures exceed appropriations is at the fund level. All appropriations lapse at year end.

B. TABOR Amendment - Revenue and Spending Limitation Amendment

In November 1992, Colorado voters amended Article X of the Colorado Constitution by adding Section 20, commonly known as the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (“TABOR”). TABOR contains revenue, spending, tax and debt limitations which apply to the State of Colorado and local governments. TABOR requires, with certain exceptions, advance voter approval for any new tax, tax rate increase, mill levy above that for the prior year, extension of any expiring tax, or tax policy change directly causing a net tax revenue gain to any local government.

Except for refinancing bonded debt at a lower interest rate or adding new employees to existing pension plans, TABOR requires advance voter approval for the creation of any multiple-fiscal year debt or other financial obligation unless adequate present cash reserves are pledged irrevocably and held for payments in all future fiscal years.

TABOR also requires local governments to establish emergency reserves to be used for declared emergencies only. Emergencies, as defined by TABOR, exclude economic conditions, revenue shortfalls, salary or fringe benefit increases. These reserves are required to be 3% or more of fiscal year spending (excluding bonded debt service) for fiscal years ending after December 31, 1994. Since TABOR excludes grant and contributions from the definition of fiscal year spending, and all GCE’s revenues were from grants and contributions, there was no required reserve at December 31, 2024.

GCE believes it has taken such steps as are appropriate in light of current interpretations of TABOR to comply with its terms. However, TABOR is complex and subject to interpretation. Many of the provisions, including but not limited to, the interpretation of how to calculate fiscal year spending and other limits, will require judicial interpretation.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

III. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Deposits

The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act ("PDPA") requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories; eligibility is determined by State regulators. Amounts on deposit in excess of Federal insurance levels must be collateralized. The eligible collateral is determined by the PDPA. The PDPA allows the institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds. The pool for all the uninsured public deposits as a group is to be maintained by another institution or held in trust. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to the aggregate uninsured deposits.

The State Regulatory Commissions for banks and financial services are required by statute to monitor the naming of eligible depositories and reporting of the uninsured deposits and assets maintained in the collateral pools.

At December 31, 2024, GCE's cash deposits had a carrying and bank balance of $66,143.

IV. Other Information

A. Professional Services Agreement with CLEER

GCE entered into a professional services agreement with Clean Energy Economy for the Region ("CLEER"), a Colorado non-profit corporation, to achieve measurable progress on GCE's goals as a means to a stronger, more resilient and energy-secure economy as follows:

- Increase energy efficiency as measured by reducing energy consumption 20% by 2030 over a 2015 baseline.
- Reduce petroleum fuel consumption 25% by 2020 over a 2009 baseline.
- Obtain 35 to 50 percent of electricity from renewable sources by 2030.
- Identify and implement adequate and sustainable funding for GCE, to achieve its mission.

The following program areas serve as the ongoing framework for delivering GCE services:

1. Energy saving programs for governments and schools
2. Residential energy services
3. Commercial energy services
4. Active transportation
5. Efficient vehicles and alternative transportation fuels
6. Renewable energy
7. General partnership services

Each program area will use education and training, and clean energy financing as tools to achieve the goals as set forth in detail in Exhibit A of the agreement.

According to the agreement, CLEER shall be compensated for these professional services in accordance with Exhibit B of the agreement at the rate of $105 per hour for all work. The GCE board approved the 2025 agreement on December 13, 2024.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
General Fund - Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024
(With Comparative Actual Amounts for 2023)

	2024 (Unaudited)			2023 (Unaudited)
	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Budget Variance Positive (Negative)	Actual
Revenues:				
Contributions:				
Grants and contributions	10,000	21,475	11,475	12,400
Partnership Funding:				
Garfield County	350,000	350,000	-	330,000
City of Glenwood Springs	60,000	60,000	-	55,000
City of Rifle	11,500	11,500	-	10,500
Town of Carbondale	40,000	40,000	-	35,000
Roaring Fork Transportation Authority	45,000	45,000	-	35,000
Colorado Mountain College	38,700	38,700	-	36,830
Town of New Castle	17,300	17,300	-	16,500
Town of Parachute	3,200	3,200	-	3,000
Town of Silt	3,400	3,400	-	3,150
Other Funding	137,030	49,143	(87,887)	10,500
Total Revenues	716,130	639,718	(76,412)	547,880
Expenditures:				
Commercial Sector:				
Energy coaching and program coordination	48,000	49,557	(1,557)	31,349
Marketing, outreach, education, training	42,000	25,903	16,097	18,382
Residential Sector:				
Energy coaching and program coordination	102,000	110,958	(8,958)	90,829
Marketing, outreach, education, training	44,000	63,496	(19,496)	44,264
Garfield Clean Energy Rebates	95,000	98,968	(3,968)	-
Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Rebates	77,080	-	77,080	-
Petroleum Independence Project:				
Safe Routes and transportation alternatives	42,000	44,419	(2,419)	45,083
Marketing, outreach, education	5,000	7,093	(2,093)	0
Efficient vehicles:				
Technical assistance	20,000	33,818	(13,818)	25,968
Countywide Energy Portfolio Diversification:				
Technical assistance and implementation	18,000	15,743	2,257	21,514
Marketing, outreach, education, training	15,000	7,568	7,432	10,983
Government Facilities Program:				
Energy data management	64,300	69,106	(4,806)	57,010
Active energy management	40,000	31,774	8,226	34,931
Partnership Services:				
Administration and grant writing	79,000	79,307	(307)	83,572
Legal	3,000	440	2,560	992
Accounting	7,000	6,513	487	7,079
Financial review	6,000	5,775	225	5,500
CIRSA liability insurance	2,200	2,387	(187)	2,002
Education and training	2,900	-	2,900	-
Special Projects:				
Energy inventory	10,500	9,179	1,321	-
Partners in energy implementation	37,950	35,844	2,106	7,934
Economic development	18,000	13,753	4,247	18,916
Credit Reserve:				
Loan fund, rebates, coaching, outreach	-	-	-	107,335
Total Expenditures	778,930	711,601	67,329	626,943
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(62,800)	(71,883)	(9,083)	(79,063)
Fund Balance - Beginning	-	100,868	100,868	179,931
Fund Balance - Ending	(62,800)	28,985	91,785	100,868

See accompanying notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report.

GCE Members Solar Assessment

November 2025

In order to achieve maximum return on investment and carbon emissions savings, it is a high priority of CLEER / GCE to assist jurisdictions in tracking production and problem solving any issues with their PV systems and to make sure that payment contracts, maintenance agreements and utility rates are in good standing for long term production.

Garfield Clean Energy partners' solar array capacity

- **Total kW capacity of all GCE partner arrays reviewed: 3777 kW**
    - Parachute 23 kW
    - Rifle 2,775 kW
    - Silt 261 kW
    - New Castle 71 kW
    - Glenwood Springs 21 kW
    - Carbondale 301 kW
    - Garfield County 101 kW
    - Colorado Mountain College 102 kW
    - Garfield County Public Library District 123 kW
- **kWh equivalent with optimal productivity: 5,931,649 kWh**
- **Annual cost savings potential with optimal productivity: $711,798**

Production data for GCE partners' solar arrays

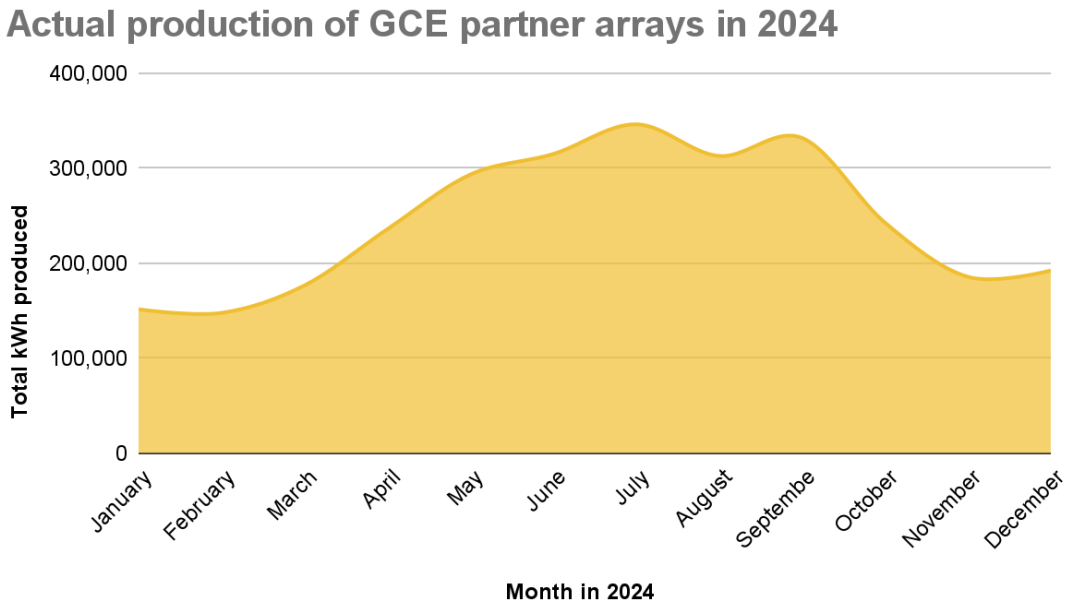
Sites with production data available

- **Total kW capacity of arrays: 3565 kW**
  - Partner arrays with production data: Carbondale Recreation Center, Carbondale Roaring Fork Water Treatment Plant, Carbondale Public Works Shop, Third Street Center PV1 & 2, New Castle Public Works facility, Silt Town Hall, Silt Wastewater treatment plant, Silt Water treatment plant, Rifle Wastewater treatment plant, Rifle City Hall, Rifle Parks Maintenance and the two ballpark arrays, Rifle Water treatment plant, Rifle Police Department, Rifle O&M, Rifle South pump station, Rifle Taugenbaugh pump station, Colorado Mountain College Rifle Campus, Carbondale Branch Library, New Castle Branch Library, Silt Branch Library, Rifle Branch Library

- **kWh equivalent with optimal productivity: 5,598,714 kWh**
- **Annual cost savings potential with optimal productivity: $671,846**

Actual production data from utility bills and interval data

- **Actual kW production in 2024: 1,900 kW**
- **Actual kWh production in 2024: 2,930,373 kWh**
- **Potential cost savings from current production: $351,645**



Key recommendations

- Nearly all partner's arrays are roughly 10 years old. This means that the arrays are due for a "health check" or maintenance, if this is not already managed by the municipality.
    - Maintenance can be performed by the original solar installer, or by any preferred solar installer.
- Arrays produce best when maintained with a yearly maintenance check. They may have fuses blow, wires break, or need new inverters, which will result in cost increases as production declines or stops.
    - Inverters are like brakes in your car, they need to be replaced every so often. Most inverters have a roughly 10 year lifespan, so preparing for the replacement of these is essential.
- Arrays managed by a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) will not require the municipality to manage repairs, but being aware of the array productivity can help avoid costly electric rate increases if an issue occurs.
    - The only arrays still managed by PPA's are: Garfield County Fairgrounds Riding Arena, Town of Silt water treatment plant, and the City of Rifle's arrays (not included in this analysis). All others that were developed with a PPA have been purchased by the municipality or organization.

Key notes

- The solar arrays not included in the chart above were excluded for lack of specific production data. Smaller arrays that are net metered are difficult to track total production. There was only one array not included due to operational issues.
- Typically the line above would show a smooth arch. The dips seen were a result of different arrays being down for repairs throughout the year. These arrays' reduced performance resulted in the communities arrays collectively producing at roughly half their expected capacity.
- Estimated cost savings above are only representing the reduction on a building's electric bills, not the credits received from REC payments or discounted electric rates paid to PPA providers.

Garfield Clean Energy 2025 Quarter 3 Report

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Residential Program

GCE's residential program provides energy efficiency consulting and rebates to Garfield County residents. The goal of the program is to help each client understand their energy use and take steps to reduce energy use in their home. This includes connecting participants with available funding sources, rebates, and tax credits. The measures that were taken and reported to the CLEER team are then tracked for reporting.

Residential program summary

Residential totals include both ReEnergize projects, CORE, and Glenwood Springs Electric rebates, and the energy and financial savings achieved from these projects.

Total Residential Activity Summary	Q1	Q2	Q3
Residential upgrades completed	13	8	27
Residential coaching contacts	170	60	128
Annual carbon savings (tonnes/yr)	11.46	21	31.96
Total project costs	$71,262	$126,361	$690,354
Total rebate amount	$29,953	$15,713	$137,031
Estimated annual energy cost savings	$2,017	$2,440	$3,033

ReEnergize program summary

ReEnergize is a GCE-funded low-to-middle-income rebate program that assists residents of Garfield County with weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades.

- **Program upgrades include:** water heaters, insulation, air sealing, LEDs, windows, programmable thermostats, Energy Star fridges, air source heat pumps/mini-split heat pumps
- **Additional leveraged funds include:** Glenwood Springs LMI rebates, CORE rebates, utility rebates from Holy Cross Energy, Xcel Energy and Black Hills Energy; Holy Cross Energy has also provided on bill financing for heat pumps at some of the qualified homes

2025 ReEnergize Garfield County Program to-date	Homes Qualified	Upgrades complete	ReEnergize funding allocated	Additional leveraged rebate funds
Countywide total	**35**	**8**	**$15,111**	**$154,685**
CARE/WAP	**9**			
		As of	11/4/2025	

CARE: The Colorado Affordable Residential Energy program provides income-qualified Coloradans, in the 60-80% AMI bracket, in participating counties with free home energy efficiency upgrades for homeowners and renters. It is facilitated by Energy Outreach Colorado.

WAP: The Weatherization Assistance Program helps residents with an income less than 60% of the state median income (SMI), and covers a variety of energy efficiency and weatherization home upgrades. WAP is a federal program facilitated by the Colorado Energy Office.

Glenwood Springs low-to-median income (GWS LMI): This program is for Glenwood Springs Electric customers who earn 150% or less AMI. Most people have accessed this funding by applying for ReEnergize, but it is not necessary to do so. By utilizing these funds for GWSE customers, GCE was able to increase the number of households that could be served across the County.

Commercial Program

Commercial Coaching:

CLEER's Buildings Specialists provide energy coaching and technical support to businesses, governments, and other organizations throughout the County. Technical support includes identifying upgrades for customer-owned buildings, rated equipment performance verification, equipment recommendations, and research on rebates and tax credits available.

During Quarter 3, CLEER staff went through a transition and were unable to provide meaningful commercial coaching outreach. The new staff has hit the ground running and providing a significant amount of commercial outreach, Quarter 4 will have a lot of progress to show.

Commercial Program Summary

Commercial activity summary	Q1	Q2	Q3
Commercial upgrades completed	1	0	0
Commercial building walk-throughs and site visits	10	1	0
Commercial Coaching Requests	5	0	1

Upgrades that earn rebates often include lighting and HVAC improvements. Commercial walk-throughs entail an assessment of the building and are followed by a summary report detailing suggested improvements and financial support to make those improvements.

*Commercial rebates are available from Glenwood Springs Electric, Black Hills Energy, Municipal Energy MEAN, Xcel Energy, and Holy Cross Energy.

Commercial Program Direct Consultation Summary

Commercial entity	Community	Technical Consultation	Walk-through Date
Q1 consultation: 10			
RFTA follow-up	GWS	1/7/2025	
Hot Springs Pool follow-up	GWS	1/7/2025	
Main Line Social	Carbondale	1/8/2025	
Brettleberg follow-up	Garfield County	1/22/2025	
River Center	New Castle		1/22/2025
River Nest	Silt	1/23/2025	
RVR walkthrough	Carbondale		1/28/2025
Brettleberg follow-up	Garfield County	2/20/2025	
Little Blue consultation	Carbondale	2/25/2025	
RVR follow-up	Carbondale	3/14/2025	
Q2 walk-through/site visits: 1			
Multi-family walkthrough	GWS		5/22/2025
Q3 walk-through/site visits: 0			

Advanced Energy Management

Program Summary

Garfield Clean Energy's Advanced Energy Management program tracks natural gas and electricity use for GCE member buildings and provides coaching on energy savings measures.

- Tracking 240 utility bills monthly.
- Monitoring 15-minute interval data for 35 GCE buildings. Totals in the tables below do not include buildings with meter issues.
- Q3 was the first quarter this year to show a reduction in energy use across the sites and 10 buildings avoided an estimated $13,000 in electric bills!

AEM savings Summary	Q1	Q2	Q3
Buildings tracked per event/quarter	21	22	28
Total quarterly kWh savings over 2023	-51,647	-11,164	32,527
Percent savings reduction	-3%	-1%	1%
Estimated avoided costs	-$6,198	-$1,340	$3,903
Carbon Savings (MT CO2e)	0	0	26.1
Buildings that saved energy	5	11	10
total kWh saved	18,896	71,495	113,152
% savings	3%	4%	7%
Estimated avoided costs	$2,268	$8,579	$13,578
Carbon Savings (MT CO2e)	15.1	57.3	90.7

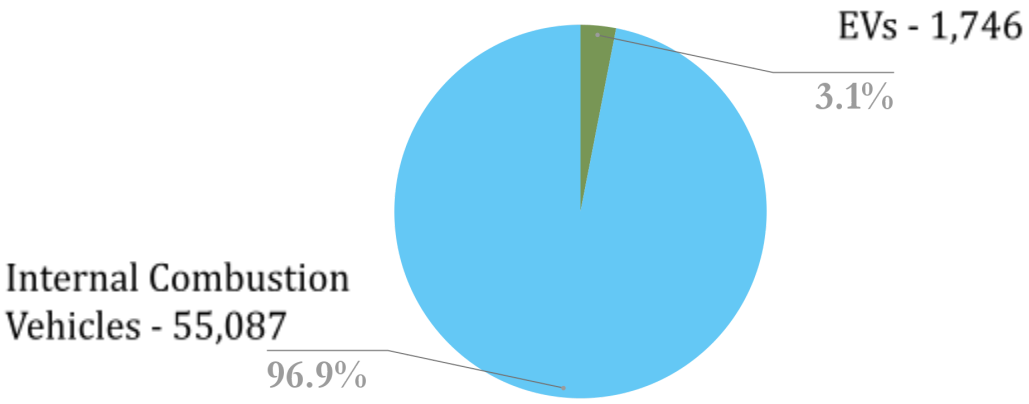
Holiday shutdown savings

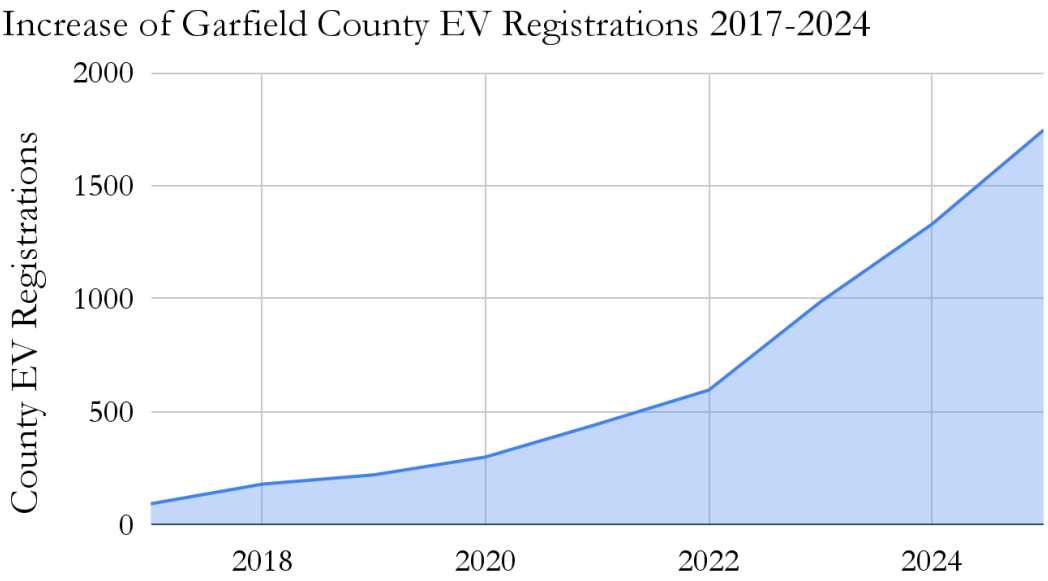
Labor Day weekend was a lower weekend for saving energy than the 4th. There was a reduction in buildings tracked for the holiday due to meter issues. Despite the missing meters, the buildings collectively saved energy over 2024.

With the winter holidays coming up, we will be sharing materials to encourage energy savings. Any support that can be provided will help to increase the results we can see.

AEM savings Summary	Labor Day
Buildings tracked per event/quarter	17
Total event kWh savings over 2024	920
Percent savings reduction	2%
Estimated avoided costs	$110
Carbon Savings (MT CO2e)	0.7
Buildings that saved energy	8
total kWh saved	1,981
% savings	5%
Estimated avoided costs	$238
Carbon Savings (MT CO2e)	1.6

Transportation Program Summary





Registered Vehicles in Garfield County 2025

Transportation Totals Helped by GCE	
Program	**Deliverables**
EV charging ports	156 total (103 Level 2 ports and 53 DCFC ports)
BikeThere	Successful BikeThere events in all municipalities Over 300 participants across the county!

Events Summary

Listed below are the events that have occurred to date. Many events that occurred in quarter two were in the planning process during quarter one.

Event/ Webinar name	Date	Location	Participants
Charge Ahead Colorado Webinar	1/14/2025	Virtual	30
Kathryn Senor Elementary 4th grade presentation	2/11/2025	Kathryn Senor Elementary, New Castle	15
Heat Pumps for Homes	2/13/2025	CMC Glenwood Springs	5
Rifle ERAP Stakeholder Workshop #3	3/11/2025	CMC Rifle	24
Save Energy Save Money Application Clinic	3/27/2025	Morgridge Commons, GWS	25
Save Energy Save Money Application Clinic	3/27/2025	Silt Branch Library	5
Save Energy Save Money Application Clinic	3/28/2025	Rifle Branch Library	6
Save Energy Save Money Application Clinic	3/28/2025	Grand Valley Recreation Center, Battlement Mesa	5
Top 5 Home Energy Upgrades	4/3/2025	CMC Glenwood Springs	2
Heat Pumps in New Construction	4/9/2025	Webinar	
Heat Pumps for HVAC Contractors	4/16/2025	Webinar	
Mountain Chevrolet Electric Vehicle Dealership Training	4/21/2025	Mountain Chevrolet in Glenwood Springs	15
Basalt Earth Day	4/22/2025	Basalt	30
Heat Pumps for Ducted Homes	4/23/2025	Webinar	
Rifle Earth Day	4/26/2025	Rifle Centennial Park	30
New Castle Earth Day	4/26/2025	Burning Mountain Park, New Castle	40
Energy Code Training for Building Professionals	4/29/2025	Glenwood Springs	25
Home Electrification Planning	5/1/25	Webinar	
Colorado Youth Climate Summit	5/2/2025	Carbondale - 5/2-5/3	150
Residential Heat Pump Training	5/7/2025	Glenwood Springs	40
Heat Pump Water Heaters	5/8/2025	Webinar	
Dandelion Day	5/10/2025	Carbondale	25
Commercial Energy Codes for Building Professionals	5/13/2025	Glenwood Springs	5

Charge Ahead Colorado Webinar	5/13/2025	Virtual	30
Home Hacks to Save Energy and Money	5/14/2025	Rifle	2
Fleet ZERO Webinar	5/20/2025	Virtual	30
TENs Together Symposium	6/12/2025	Glenwood Springs	110
GWS CMC EV 101	6/12/2025	Glenwood Springs	5
BikeThere	6/25/2025	Garfield County Libraries	300
EV Resiliency Workshop	6/30/2025	Glenwood Springs	30
Two Rivers Connect: Way to Roll	8/4/2025 - 9/21/25	Colorado River & Roaring Fork Valleys	600
Glenwood Springs Garden Tour	8/22/2025 - 9/8/25	Glenwood Springs	30
Colorado Building Symposium West	9/4-9/5/2025	Morgridge Commons, GWS	150-200
Carbondale EV 101	9/4/2025	Carbondale	25
Carbondale EV Ride & Drive	9/5/2025	Carbondale	200
GCE Total	**28**		**1525**

Media Stories

7/9/2025
Sopris Sun
Colorado's geothermal aspirations persist
https://soprissun.com/cleer-assisting-geothermal-projects-statewide/

7/9/2025
Glenwood Springs Post Independent
"Rifle City Council round-up: CLEER plan adopted, project bids awarded"
https://www.postindependent.com/news/rifle-city-council-round-up-cleer-plan-adopted-project-bids-awarded/

7/25/2025
Glenwood Springs Post Independent
Garfield Clean Energy column: Rethinking how we get around (together)
https://www.postindependent.com/opinion/garfield-clean-energy-column-rethinking-how-we-get-around-together/

7/31/2025
Glenwood Springs Post Independent
Two Rivers Connect launches pilot Way to Roll program
https://www.postindependent.com/news/two-rivers-connect-launches-pilot-way-to-roll-program/

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https://www.aspentimes.com/news/aerial-photos-data-reveal-traffic-in-roaring-fork-valley/

8/14/2025
Aspen Public Radio
Rifle leans into renewables and climate mitigation as Garfield County approves new gas wells
https://www.aspenpublicradio.org/environment/2025-08-14/rifle-leans-into-renewables-and-climate-mitigation-as-garfield-county-approves-new-gas-wells

8/20/2025
The Post Independent
"Garfield Clean Energy column: Creating a safer, more comfortable home"
https://www.postindependent.com/opinion/columns/garfield-clean-energy-column-creating-a-safer-more-comfortable-home/

8/21/2025
Sopris Sun
Help reduce traffic and get rewarded with Two Rivers Connect
https://soprissun.com/help-reduce-traffic-and-get-rewarded-with-two-rivers-connect/

8/21/2025
KDNK
Everything Under the Sun
https://www.kdnk.org/podcast/everything-under-the-sun

8/21/2025
The Aspen Times
Carbondale to host multiple electric vehicle events before tax rebate ends in September
https://www.aspentimes.com/news/carbondale-to-host-multiple-electric-vehicle-events-before-tax-rebate-ends-in-september/

To: Garfield Clean Energy Board of Directors

From: Morgan Hill, CLEER Associate Director

Date: November 18, 2025

Re: 2026 budget for adoption

Introduction and background

The 2026 budget has been developed for the Board's review and adoption at the November budget hearing. The amounts proposed in this budget reflect input from Board members, presentations to elected boards, conversations with Collaborative member staff, and budget approval from member jurisdictions. This budget has been updated from the version presented at the July and September 2025 board meetings to reflect confirmed budget amounts and expense line item scenarios.

Budget details

The proposed budget for 2026 is attached as a PDF to this memo. The Board will vote to approve and adopt the budget at this November 21st meeting.

Revenue

"2026 proposed budget" amounts for the revenues portion of the budget reflect previous budget discussions and individual follow up with Board members about their jurisdiction's membership contribution.

Revenue line items include the funding contributions from members that reflect a 5-10% base from most members and increase and guidance from the member entity on their ability to contribute a certain amount of funding, or due to the cost of providing services to that entity. The incremental increases support the rising cost of providing programs and services, as well as to facilitate ongoing growth and success for the Collaborative's work.

Garfield County's contribution decreased significantly, from $315,000 in 2025 to $150,000 in 2026. This change has a significant impact on the total budget revenue.

Expenses and project funding

The majority of line items in the 2026 budget have been adjusted to lower amounts than in the previous years to reflect the change in revenue described above. Line items that reflect payments to New Energy Technologies (NET), GCE's attorney, insurance, and bookkeeping have remained consistent with 2025 amounts.

All line items have retained some amount of funding, and budget amounts reflect priority programs and needs such as residential energy coaching, residential outreach and marketing, and partnership services. While these funding decreases will impact the level of service that GCE is able to provide to the community, GCE will still be able to operate successfully and make progress on its goals.

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE
RESOLUTION NO. 4
SERIES of 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative developed and reviewed a budget for fiscal year 2026 at their board meeting in November 2025; and

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, and after publishing in accordance with the law that said budget was open for inspection by the public, a public hearing was held on November 21, 2025, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE, THAT:

1. The aforementioned recitals are hereby fully incorporated herein and adopted as findings and determinations by the Board of Directors; and

2. The Budget attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference is adopted for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026.

THIS RESOLUTION was read, passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative at the Meeting held this 21st day of December, 2025.

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

By _____
Sean Strode, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Bruce Leland, Secretary

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE
RESOLUTION NO. 5
SERIES of 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE REGARDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative developed and reviewed a budget for fiscal year 2026, which 2026 Budget was approved by Resolution No. 4, Series of 2025; and

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, and after publishing in accordance with the law that said budget was open for inspection by the public, a public hearing was held on November 21, 2025, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget is balanced between anticipated expenditures and revenues as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE, THAT:

1. The aforementioned recitals are hereby fully incorporated herein and adopted as findings and determinations by the Board of Directors; and

2. The revenue of the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, is hereby appropriated to the various funds as stated on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein to be used for the purpose for which these funds were created and exist.

THIS RESOLUTION was read, passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative at the Meeting held this 21st day of November, 2025.

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

By _____
Sean Strode, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Bruce Leland, Secretary

Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative 2026 Budget				
Acct #		**2024 budget**	**2025 budget**	**2026 budget**
	Sources of Funds			
	Beginning fund balance - GCE	$40,000	$20,000	$20,000
	Beginning fund balance - DOE	$83,064	$0	$0
REVENUE		**2024 budget**	**2025 budget**	**2026 budget**
3000	**Partnership Funding**			
3100	Garfield County	$350,000	$315,000	$150,000
3200	Parachute	$3,200	$3,400	$3,600
3300	Rifle	$11,500	$12,100	$13,310
3400	Silt	$3,400	$3,600	$3,800
3500	New Castle	$17,300	$17,300	$18,200
3600	Glenwood Springs	$60,000	$64,000	$68,000
3700	Carbondale	$40,000	$42,000	$44,200
3800	Colorado Mountain College	$38,700	$40,000	$44,000
4200	RFTA	$45,000	$49,500	$54,450
	Partnership Funding subtotal	**$569,100**	**$546,900**	**$399,560**
5000	**Other funding**			
5100	Community Partners	$10,000	$10,000	$10,000
5300	Grants			
5200	Sponsorships			
5400	DOE payment from repurposed loan fund	$0		
5500	Affiliate: Holy Cross Energy	$11,500	$12,500	$13,750
5600	Affiliate: Garfield County Public Library District	$10,500	$11,100	$12,200
	Total other funding subtotal	**$32,000**	**$33,600**	**$35,950**
	TOTAL Revenue	**$601,100**	**$580,500**	**$435,510**
EXPENSES		**2024 budget**	**2025 budget**	**2026 budget**
	Energy Efficiency Energy Savings Program			
10000	**Commercial, Agricultural, Industrial Sector**			
11000	Energy consulting, coaching, education	$48,000	$50,000	$28,000
12000	Outreach, communications, website	$22,000	$20,000	$12,000
13000	Commercial energy efficiency rebates	$20,000	$0	
	Commercial subtotal	**$90,000**	**$70,000**	**$40,000**
20000	**Residential sector**			
21000	Energy Consulting/coaching	$102,000	$102,000	$87,000
21100	Energy Consulting - ReEnergize	$0	$0	
22000	Education, Outreach, Training, Website	$44,000	$50,000	$40,000

Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative 2026 Budget

Acct #		2024 budget	2025 budget	2026 budget
	Residential subtotal	**$146,000**	**$152,000**	**$127,000**
21110	**GCE ReEnergize Rebate Funds**	$95,000	$20,000	$0
21120	**EECBG ReEnergize rebate funds**	$77,080		
	Energy Efficiency subtotal	**$408,080**	**$242,000**	**$167,000**
Acct #				
30000	**Clean Mobility**			
31000	Increasing bike, walking, transit modeshare	$42,000	$42,000	$32,000
32200	Efficient Vehicles, Alternative Fuels, EV planning	$20,000	$25,000	$15,000
34000	Outreach, education, training, website	$5,000	$0	$0
	Clean Mobility Subtotal	**$67,000**	**$67,000**	**$47,000**
40000	**Renewable Energy**			
41000	Technical Assistance, Education	$18,000	$18,000	$11,000
42000	Implementation of local renewable projects	$15,000	$15,000	$8,000
	Renewable Energy subtotal	**$33,000**	**$33,000**	**$19,000**
50000	**Energy Efficiency-Energy Management for GCE Member Governments**			
51000	Energy Data Mgt / LIve bldg and solar data	$64,300	$68,000	$68,000
52000	Energy Management coaching and services	$40,000	$44,000	$32,000
	Energy Efficiency for GCE Members subtotal	**$104,300**	**$112,000**	**$100,000**
60000	**Special Projects - updated goals areas for 2023**			
61000	Updated energy plan resources, tracking, metrics	$10,500	$10,500	$6,000
62000	2023 Goal 5- Economic Development, Workforce progr	$18,000	$19,000	$8,000
	Special Projects subtotal	**$28,500**	**$29,500**	**$14,000**
90000	**GCE Partnership Services**			
91000	GCE Program management, Reporting, Strategic	$79,000	$82,000	$65,000
92000	Legal Services	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000
93000	Accounting / Bookkeeping	$7,000	$7,000	$7,000
91000.1	Audit / Financial review	$6,000	$6,000	$6,000
91000.2	CIRSA Liability Insurance	$2,200	$2,400	$2,400
95000	Contingency	$2,900	$3,000	$3,000
	GCE Partnership Services subtotal	**$100,100**	**$103,400**	**$86,400**
1001	**Credit Reserve Fund expenses**			
	Total Revenue	**$601,100**	**$580,500**	**$435,510**
	Remaining DOE balance	$83,064		$0

Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative 2026 Budget

Acct #		2024 budget	2025 budget	2026 budget
	Total revenue + remaining DOE funds	$684,164		$435,510
	TOTAL EXPENSES	$740,980	$586,900	$433,400
	Net funding			$2,110
	Ending fund balance			$22,110

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE
2026 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (hereinafter "Agreement") is made effective the 1st day of January, 2026, by and between GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE, a Colorado local government entity organized pursuant to C.R.S. §29-1-203 ("GCE"), and CLEER: CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY FOR THE REGION (hereinafter "Contractor").

WHEREAS, the GCE desires that Contractor assist with administration and management of GCE as an independent contractor, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Contractor desires to perform such duties pursuant to the terms and conditions provided for in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to set forth certain understandings regarding the services in writing.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Services. GCE agrees to retain Contractor to provide the services set forth herein, and as further specified in the Scope of Work on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and as specified herein ("Services"), and Contractor agrees to so serve. Contractor warrants and represents that it has the requisite authority, capacity, experience, and expertise to perform the Services in compliance with the provisions of this Agreement and all applicable laws and agrees to perform the Services on the terms and conditions set forth herein. GCE reserves the right to omit any of the Services identified in Exhibit A upon written notice to Contractor. In the event of any conflict between this Agreement and Exhibit A, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

2. Compensation. GCE agrees to compensate the Contractor for all fees and expenses set forth in the Fee Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference to perform the Services necessary to meet the Scope of Work detailed on Exhibit A, provided however, notwithstanding the proposed budget amounts allocated to each area in the Scope of Work, Contractor's fees and expenses shall not exceed the revenue of GCE in 2025. Contractor shall update GCE on a quarterly basis indicating its progress to date to meet its Scope of Work. Contractor shall invoice GCE on a monthly basis detailing the services provided, including all associated hourly fees and costs, for GCE's review and approval. GCE may request additional detail regarding issued invoices or request that future invoices include additional information.

3. Term and Renewal. This Agreement shall be effective as of January 1, 2026, and shall extend until completion of the services attached as Exhibit A or until the Agreement is terminated pursuant to paragraph 9 of this Agreement, or December 31, 2026, whichever occurs first; provided, however, that to the extent the term of this Agreement for whatever reason

exceeds one fiscal year, the obligations described herein shall be subject to annual appropriation by GCE, at its sole discretion.

4. Ownership of Instruments of Service. GCE acknowledges the Contractor's work product, including electronic files, as instruments of professional service. Nevertheless, the final work product prepared under this Agreement shall become the property of GCE upon completion of the services and payment in full of all monies due to the Contractor.

5. Monitoring and Evaluation. GCE reserves the right to monitor and evaluate the progress and performance of Contractor to ensure that the terms of this Agreement are being satisfactorily met in accordance with GCE's and other applicable monitoring and evaluating criteria and standards. Contractor shall cooperate with GCE relating to such monitoring and evaluation.

6. Independent Contractor. The parties agree that the Contractor shall be an independent contractor and shall not be an employee, agent, or servant of GCE. Contractor is not entitled to workers' compensation benefits from GCE and is obligated to pay federal and state income tax on any money earned pursuant to this Agreement.

7. Insurance Requirements. Contractor shall be responsible for its own independent general liability insurance, automobile insurance, worker's compensation, and any other insurance necessary to perform the duties contemplated by this Agreement and shall indemnify and hold harmless GCE from any acts attributable to Contractor's negligence for which GCE may be held liable not covered by GCE's insurance.

Contractor shall provide proof of general liability insurance in the amount of $1,000,000 to GCE upon execution of this Agreement. GCE may require increased coverage based on particular project requirements. A copy of the Contractor's current available insurance coverage and limits is attached as Exhibit C.

8. Indemnification. Contractor hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify, save, and hold harmless GCE, its officers, employees, and agents from any and all liability, loss, costs, charges, obligations, expenses, attorney's fees, litigation, judgments, damages, claims, and demands of any kind whatsoever arising from or out of any negligent act or omission or other tortious conduct of Contractor, its officers, employees, or agents in the performance or nonperformance of its obligations under this Agreement.

9. Termination.

a. Generally.

(i) GCE may terminate this Agreement without cause if it determines that such termination is in GCE's best interest. GCE shall effect such termination by giving written notice of termination to Contractor, specifying the effective date of termination, at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of termination. In the event of such termination by GCE, GCE shall be liable to pay Contractor for Services performed as of the effective date of termination, but shall not be liable to Contractor for anticipated profits. Contractor shall not

perform any additional Services following receipt of the notice of termination unless otherwise instructed in writing by GCE.

(ii) Contractor may terminate this Agreement without cause if it determines that such termination is in Contractor's best interest. Contractor shall effect such termination by giving written notice of termination to GCE, specifying the effective date of termination, at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the effective date of termination.

b. For Cause. If, through any cause, Contractor fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement in a timely and proper manner, violates any provision of this Agreement, or violates any applicable law, and does not commence correction of such nonperformance or violation within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of written notice and diligently complete the correction thereafter, GCE shall have the right to terminate this Agreement for cause immediately upon written notice of termination to Contractor. Contractor shall not perform any additional Services following receipt of the notice of termination.

10. Work By Illegal Aliens Prohibited. Pursuant to Section 8-17.5-101, C.R.S., *et. seq.,* Contractor warrants, represents, acknowledges, and agrees that:

A. Contractor does not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien.

B. Contractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform works or enter into a contract with a subcontractor that fails to verify to Contractor that the subcontractor shall not knowingly employ or contract with an illegal alien to perform work under this Agreement.

C. If Contractor employs employees, Contractor has participated in or attempted to participate in the basic pilot employment verification program created in Public Law 208, 104th Congress, as amended, and expanded in Public Law 156, 108th Congress, as amended, administered by the Department of Homeland Security (hereinafter, "E-Verify") in order to verify that Contractor does not employ illegal aliens. If Contractor is not accepted into E-Verify prior to entering into this Agreement, Contractor shall forthwith apply to participate in E-Verify and shall submit to GCE written verification of such application within five (5) days of the date of this Agreement. Contractor shall continue to apply to participate in E-Verify, and shall certify such application to GCE in writing, every three (3) months until Contractor is accepted or this Agreement is completed, whichever occurs first. This paragraph shall be null and void if E-Verify is discontinued.

D. Contractor shall not use E-Verify procedures to undertake pre-employment screening of job applicants while this Agreement is being performed.

E. If Contractor obtains actual knowledge that a subcontractor performing work under this Agreement knowingly employs or contracts with an illegal alien, Contractor shall be required to:

(a) notify the subcontractor and GCE within three (3) days that Contractor has actual knowledge that the subcontractor is employing or contracting with an illegal alien; and

(b) terminate the subcontract with the subcontractor if within three (3) days of receiving the notice required pursuant to this subparagraph the subcontractor does not stop employing or contracting with the illegal alien; except that Contractor shall not terminate the contract with the subcontractor if during such three (3) days the subcontractor provides information to establish that the subcontractor has not knowingly employed or contracted with an illegal alien.

F. Contractor shall comply with any reasonable request by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment ("Department") made in the course of an investigation that the Department is undertaking pursuant to the authority established in subsection 8-17.5-102(5), C.R.S.

G. If Contractor violates this paragraph, GCE may terminate this Agreement for breach of contract. If this Agreement is so terminated, Contractor shall be liable for actual and consequential damages to GCE arising out of said violation.

11. Responsibilities. The Contractor shall be responsible for all damages to persons or property caused by the Contractor, its agents, employees or sub-Contractors, to the extent caused by its negligent acts, errors and omissions hereunder, and shall indemnify and hold harmless GCE from any claims or actions brought against Contractor by reason thereof.

12. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, along with any addendums and attachments hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. The provisions of this Agreement may be amended at any time by the mutual consent of both parties. The parties shall not be bound by any other agreements, either written or oral, except as set forth in this Agreement.

13. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado, and venue shall be in the County of Garfield, State of Colorado.

14. Governmental Immunity Act. No term or condition of this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as a waiver, express or implied, of any of the immunities, rights, benefits, protections, or other provisions of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. §§ 24-10-101 et seq.

15. Assignability. Contractor shall not assign this Agreement without GCE's prior written consent.

16. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon, and shall inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns.

17. Survival Clause. The "Indemnification" provision set forth in this Agreement shall survive the completion of the Services and the satisfaction, expiration, or termination of this Agreement.

18. Severability. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this Agreement invalid or unenforceable, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision of this Agreement.

19. Headings. Paragraph headings used in this Agreement are for convenience of reference and shall in no way control or affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision of this Agreement.

20. Notices. Written notices required under this Agreement and all other correspondence between the parties shall be directed to the following and shall be deemed received when hand-delivered or three (3) days after being sent by certified mail, return receipt requested:

If to GCE: Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative, c/o Karp Neu Hanlon, P.C.
P.O. Drawer 2030, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602

If to Contractor: CLEER, P.O. Box 428, Carbondale, Colorado 81623

21. Authority. Each person signing this Agreement, and any addendums or attachments hereto, represents and warrants that said person is fully authorized to enter into and execute this Agreement and to bind the party it represents to the terms and conditions hereof.

22. Attorneys' Fees. Should this Agreement become the subject of litigation between GCE and Contractor, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recovery of all actual costs in connection therewith, including but not limited to attorneys' fees and expert witness fees. All rights concerning remedies and/or attorneys' fees shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY COLLABORATIVE

By: _____ Date: _____
Sean Strode, Chairperson

ATTEST:

_____ Date: _____
Bruce Leland, Secretary

CONTRACTOR:

By: _____ Date: _____
Morgan Hill, Associate Director
CLEER: Clean Energy Economy for the Region

DRAFT Exhibit A
GARFIELD CLEAN ENERGY
2026 BASIC SERVICES SCOPE OF WORK

November 2025

Goal #1: Energy Savings in Built Environment - Energy Efficiency

Residential and commercial programs

- **Commercial and residential energy consulting**
  - Provide energy coaching and consulting services to businesses and households, with the goal of helping each client understand their energy use and take steps to reduce energy use in their home, business, farm or ranch. Connect participants to available funding sources and rebates. Provide opportunities for households to learn about energy saving measures.
- **Residential energy consulting – low-to-middle income program**
  - Continue to implement the low-to-middle income rebate program, utilizing funds allocated to rebates as well as leveraging additional rebate funding.
- **Commercial and residential outreach, education, training, website**
  - Continue to engage in efforts to reach multi-family housing units to participate in available programs.
  - Maintain up-to-date lists of energy efficiency rebates, incentives and financing options for commercial and residential customers and post to GCE website.
  - Deliver effective marketing and outreach to drive energy efficiency actions by businesses and households.
  - Write and publish relevant success story case studies, progress articles and informational fact sheets.
  - Publicize GCE programs and achievements through earned media and presentations.
  - Regularly maintain and update the GCE website to ensure information on programs, rebates, incentives, and resources is accurate, current, and easy to access for all audiences.
  - Update efficiency contractors on rebate offers, financing programs, and new technology and materials, through a series of contractor workshops and product demonstrations, and in email messages continuing through the year.
  - Develop additional ways to ensure programs and resources are fully accessible and utilized by non-English speaking populations.
  - Continue to seek out and publicize any new financing opportunities available from regional, state, federal sources.
- **Encourage energy-saving measures in new construction**
  - Work in partnership with state and local partners to advance energy-saving measures in codes for those jurisdictions who are interested. Conduct educational programs on energy codes and assist with aspects of code updates for those GCE members interested.

- Work to increase knowledge and skills in the region for energy-saving new construction and design methods.

Advanced Energy Management for GCE member and affiliate governments

- Coordinate with each GCE member to confirm interest and commitment to participation in the advanced energy management program for their facilities.
- Work with the designated partner representative to collect necessary data and maintain the functionality of the system.
  - This includes regular maintenance and provision by the partner of the organization's utility bills or delegate access.
- Share energy data reports with the champion and team on a quarterly, or other determined timeframe, to review unusual trends or increased energy use and send alerts and updates to partners.
- Work to achieve energy savings at facilities.
  - Identify no-cost and low-cost energy savings measures and create a plan for the partner to implement the selected measures.
  - This includes energy consulting, securing rebates from utilities, assisting with grant applications, and meeting with staff and elected officials as needed.
  - Track utility bills for rate changes and advise as appropriate.
- Prepare and present customized annual building energy reports for each member's governing board and meet with Council to present.
- Provide trainings or roundtable meetings, as requested, for partner staff, facility managers and staff, wastewater treatment plant operators, and decision makers to take full advantage of the AEM Console.
- Energy data system maintenance
  - Work with NET and the Console to ensure the software and features are functioning and suggest improvements where needed.
  - Continue to monitor solar data feeds for array productivity.
  - Ensure that interval data is operating, provide proposals for replacement or repair as needed.
  - Ensure that utility bills are processed regularly.

<u>Goal #2: Carbon-free electricity and renewable energy</u>

- Coordinate with utility and state partners to identify specific opportunities for GCE communities to help them reach their 2030 renewable energy goals.
- Reach out to businesses in the region that are part of national corporations with sustainability goals to encourage local implementation of on-site renewable energy
- Identify and publicize any new renewable energy funding opportunities available to households, businesses, and local governments.
- Provide technical support to local governments on solar opportunities, financing options, power purchase agreements, and utility provider billing.
- Ensure electrical generation from solar collectors for GCE partner buildings is reflected in the AEM Console.

- Continue ongoing education about renewable energy options through case studies, print materials, and events and workshops.
- Work to advance geothermal and thermal energy network opportunities throughout the County.

Goal #3: Clean Mobility

Transportation electrification

- Work with local governments, utilities, state, and industry partners to implement strategies identified in the 2024 EV readiness plan, including but not limited to those listed below.
- Provide information about incentives and funding for electric vehicles (EV) and EV charging that will make it easier for people to purchase EVs, which include BEV (battery-electric vehicles) and PHEV (plug-in hybrid electric vehicles).
- Conduct outreach and support efforts to electrify fleets, including providing technical assistance, access to incentives, information, and support to encourage conversion of fleets to electric or plug-in hybrids.
- Connect residents, businesses, and municipalities to available incentives and grant programs to expand charging infrastructure.
- Provide assistance to local governments related to the adoption of codes and policies that support EV adoption and multimodal transportation.
- Continue ongoing media and public information efforts and events that increase awareness of resources, best practices, and policies to support the advancement of clean energy transportation topics.

Increase biking, walking, transit mode share

- Conduct programs that encourage biking, walking and transit such as regional Bike-to-Work promotions and school biking and walking programs.
- Increase access to e-bike rebates to encourage replacing vehicle trips with e-bike trips.
- Support opportunities and increase awareness of opportunities and solutions to improve first-and last-mile connectivity.
- Provide assistance to local governments related to the adoption of codes and policies that support multimodal transportation.
- Increase awareness of smart design to make it easier for biking and walking.
- Organize and collaborate with community and state partners to plan and publicize local campaigns, events, and efforts that increase mode share of walking, biking, transit, and increase understanding of traffic growth trends, including the development of a regional transportation management organization (TMO).
- Work with community, regional and state partners to develop additional ways to reach GCE clean mobility plan goals.

Goal #4: Greenhouse gas emissions

- Address building electrification topics as part of residential and commercial programs/ incorporate electrification opportunities, education, and incentives into those program efforts.

Goal #5: Clean Energy Economic Development and Jobs

- Develop and promote workforce development programs that support all of GCE's other goals and strategies as well as increase localized employment opportunities, economic diversification, and business development.
- Work with educational institutions to provide energy education opportunities, training for multiple age groups, and the creation of paid internships.
- Provide ongoing outreach and training to build countywide knowledge, capacity, energy literacy, leadership, and technical expertise to support maximum local and regional economic benefits associated with achieving goals.
- Pursue policies and funding that address the fiscal impacts of transitioning to a clean energy economy and assist the region with maintaining a strong economy and resources for local governments.

Partnership Services

Administration, planning, meetings

- Manage GCE programs, services, budget and expenses.
- Prepare, maintain and submit documents to ensure GCE's good standing as an intergovernmental authority.
- Plan for, provide materials and support for Board meetings.
- Seek additional funding and investment to implement GCE programs, including applying for grants relating to GCE scope of work.

Planning and reporting

- Support the development of strategic planning.
- Research and write quarterly progress reports, and distribute to member boards.
- Make annual presentations to each member board as requested.
- Enter data in SalesForce database for all participants to track cumulative, countywide energy savings and to measure program effectiveness.
- If funding allows, conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for 2025 data as an update to the 2023 Energy Action Plan.

Financial tracking and budgeting

- Develop 2027 budget and secure funding pledges.
- Handle vendor invoices and provide monthly expense reports for labor and hard costs as requested by the GCE finance committee.
- Coordinate with GCE bookkeeper to ensure accuracy of monthly financial reports.
- Provide documents and information as requested for an annual financial review.

Exhibit B – 2026 Fee Schedule

For 2025, CLEER's fee will be $115 per hour, reflecting the efficiency and expertise of CLEER's staff, as well as operational costs and annual cost of living increases.

Certain fees billable directly to Garfield Clean Energy Collaborative will include the audit, CIRSA liability insurance, bookkeeper fees, attorney fees, publication of legal notices, utility bill data entry fees, and any large invoices as deemed appropriate for direct payment by CLEER management.