

**New Castle Town Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 7:00 PM**

Call to Order

Mayor Art Riddile called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilor Carey
Councilor Mariscal
Councilor Hazelton
Mayor A. Riddile
Councilor Copeland
Councilor Leland
Councilor G Riddile

Absent none

Also present at the meeting were Town Clerk Mindy Andis, Administrator Dave Reynolds, Treasurer Viktoriya Ehlers and members of the public.

Meeting Notice

Clerk Andis verified that her office gave notice of the meeting in accordance with Resolution TC 2025-1.

Conflicts of Interest

There were no citizen comments

Agenda Changes

There were no agenda changes

Citizen Comments on Items not on the Agenda

New Castle resident Jeff Boardman voiced his concern regarding the noise from Down Valley Brewing. He said the past weekend there was an Octoberfest event and the music was very loud to where it was disrupting his enjoyment of his home. He said that he didn't get notification that Down Valley Brewing was going to be an event center and that is what it feels like it is turning into.

Mayor A. Riddile said the town will be addressing the issue with the owner of Down Valley Brewing. He asked if Down Valley Brewing needs to have a permit to have music.

Administrator Reynolds said no, there is a noise ordinance where they can't exceed a certain noise decibel.

New Castle resident Lauren Prentice said she had attended the event on Saturday, and it was put on by the library and there were a lot of games happening.

New Castle resident Vin Binder said he lives across the street, and the noise is nothing new. There have been noise issues from the beginning. He said there has been live music at Hog Back Pizza and it has not had any issues.

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Consultant Reports

Consultant Attorney – not present

Consultant Engineer – not present

Items for Consideration

Presentation/Update – New Castle Chamber of Commerce

Administrator Reynolds introduced Chamber President Siobahn Milholm and Treasurer Cyndi Speedy. He said the New Castle Chamber of Commerce here is to update the town council on events, programs, memberships and other business that they accomplished in 2025 and looking forward to in 2026.

Ms. Speedy said the chamber is growing steadily. She said in 2021 there were zero chamber members and in 2025 there are 101 chamber members. Their goal was 100 members. The chamber's goal for 2026 is 125 members. Ms. Speedy said the chamber will have a new logo in 2026. They also have an Instagram page, as well as some new BINGO games for 2026. Ms. Speedy thanked the town for being the sponsor of the Block Party. The event keeps getting bigger each year with more recognition. She said the chamber board is discussing having a second event in fall 2026.

Councilor Copeland asked if the chamber increased the membership fee. Ms. Speedy said at this time they are not going to increase the membership fee since they just raised the fees \$50.00 in 2024. They are discussing possibly having a tiered fee schedule.

Councilor Copeland asked if they were asking for more of a donation for next year. Ms. Speedy said no they are thankful for the support and the partnership with the town.

Presentation/Update – New Castle Trails - Rides and Reggae

Administrator Reynolds introduced Roaring Fork Mountain Biker Association (RFMBA) Executive Director Mike Pritchard. Administrator Reynolds said as the New Castle Trails Group has gone through some changes in the last year, RFMBA, New Castle Trails, town staff and local business owners worked to organize and host a slightly scaled back 2025 Rides and Reggae Event. Receiving great reviews by event goers, the 2025 Rides and Reggae event was once again a summer hit. Mr. Pritchard will update the town council on the details of the event. Mr. Pritchard reviewed his presentation with the council (**Exhibit A**).

Mayor A. Riddile said he understood that it is time to take another direction from Rides and Reggae and have other types of events. He said trails maintenance is very important, and the bike park does need some improvements.

Councilor Hazelton asked Administrator Reynolds how the event went from town staff viewpoint. Administrator Reynolds said change is always a challenge but New Castle Trails and RFMBA have stepped up and went well and smoothly. Administrator Reynolds said Parks Opens Space Trails and Recreation Committee (POSTR) has started again and is partnering with RFMBA and New Castle Trails.

Presentation - Proposed 2026 Budget

Administrator Reynolds and Treasurer Ehlers reviewed the 2026 draft budget with the council.

Purpose:

The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the preliminary draft elements of the 2026 budget.

Background and Discussion:

Staff has been working toward developing a 2026 budget with an emphasis on spending controls and maximizing revenue opportunities. Overall, operating cost increases are rapidly beginning to exceed revenue, and we are consciously attempting to keep the budget balanced with these increases in mind.

Budget assumptions play a significant role in both the revenue and expenditure numbers that make up the budget. For this draft of the 2026 budget, staff has taken, what we feel, is a very realistic approach to both revenues and expenses.

As of today, the draft 2026 General Fund budget reflects a starting deficit of (\$199,238).

Staff has developed the following revenue and expenditure assumptions for Council's review:

Revenues:

1. 1% - Sales Tax Income Increase over 2025 projections. YTD 2025 revenues are 4.48% over 2024 revenues cumulatively but averaging only at 1.77% . 2025 projected revenue = \$2,663,827 vs budgeted \$2,692,000, deficit of (\$28,173). 2026 budgeted \$2,690,466.
2. \$317,639 – 2025 Estimated Tobacco Tax collection vs budgeted \$295,000, surplus of \$22,639. YTD 2025 revenues are trending at 3.31% from 2024. 2026 budgeted revenue of \$287,000 is 10% less than 2025 projected revenues.
3. Mineral Lease Distribution 2025 revenues are \$106,268 vs budgeted \$150,000, gap of (\$43,732). 2026 budgeted \$0.
4. Severance Tax Distribution collection for 2025 \$2,288 vs budgeted \$65,000, deficit of (\$62,712). 2026 budgeted \$0.
5. 2025 Property Tax Revenue are projected at \$658,173 as budgeted. 2026 budgeted at \$738,539 which is 12% increase per preliminary valuation.
6. Franchise Tax 2025 projected \$158,193 vs budgeted \$165,000, deficit of (\$6,807). YTD 2025 revenues are at 0.77% from 2024. 2026 budgeted \$160,000.
7. Building permit revenues assume 80 R2 apartments and 14 Lakota units in 2026.

8. *Trash Service Revenue assumed to increase by 6% in order to keep account in balance.*

Expenses:

9. *45 FTE budgeted in 2026, including 1 Police Chief, 1 Police Cleark, 1 Police Officer, 1 Clerk Assistant, and 1 Admin Asst to Town Administrator, that were budgeted in 2025 but not filled.*

10. *5% COLA is built into 2026 budget. Each 1% increase equates to approximately \$40,727 – split \$28k to General Fund and \$12k to Utility Fund. Total salaries, employer taxes and retirement = \$4,512,030 (increase of \$434,683 from 2025 budget). General Fund portion = \$3,377,484. Utility Fund portion = \$1,134,546.*

11. *Health insurance premiums increased by 13.5% for 2026. The Town’s portion = \$1,045,764. Increase of almost \$222,219 from 2025.*

12. *Property/casualty insurance is estimated to increase by 15% or \$28,170 over 2025 due to acquisition of new properties and completion of capital projects. Workers’ compensation costs are currently assumed at 10% increase or \$4,102 over 2025.*

13. *Streets chip seal, crack seal & asphalt overlay total \$300,000 in the 2026 budget. The sidewalk maintenance budget is \$30,000.*

14. *2026 fuel prices are budgeted at 5% over 2025 projected costs. (\$79,272 vs \$86,400).*

Special Events and Appropriations for Special Interest Groups, etc currently in 2025 budget:

15. *Branding and Marketing 10-5040-257 \$1,000*

16. *Chamber of Commerce 10-5040-254 \$7,000*

17. *Economic Development 10-5040-250 \$15,000*

18. *Historic Preservation 10-5040-609,610 \$3,500*

19. *Climate & Environ Comm 10-5040-620 \$1,000*

20. *Other Special Events 10-5070-610 \$6,500 (New Yrs Eve, Chili Cook-off, etc)*

21. *Burning Mountain Festival 10-5070-974 \$18,500*

22. *Community Market 10-5070-976 \$5,500*

23. *Outgoing Grants 10-5080-500 \$15,000*

24. *River Center Donation 10-5080-504 \$18,000*

25. *Garfield County Detox Center 10-5080-506 \$10,000 (not budgeted for 2026)*
26. *Youth Zone 10-5080-516 \$ 4,000*
27. *New Castle Trails 10-5075-704 \$30,000*
28. *Middle CO Watershed 20-6040,6080-220 \$ 2,500*
29. *Garfield Clean Energy 20-6040,6080-220 \$17,300 (requesting 5% increase)*
30. *Wildfire Collaborative 10-5040-280 \$2,000*

Notes & other considerations:

- *Committed – Long Term Capital Reserve remaining at \$800,000.*
- *\$35,000 has been moved to Assigned – Police MDTs set up.*
- *Z Track Mower \$16,000 and Trailer \$5,000 purchases moved from GF to CTF.*
- *Fall protection \$10,000 moved from GF to CTF.*
- *Opioid Fund Revenue moved to Public Safety Revenue 10.4010.663 to assist with K9 training.*
- *ARPA interest revenue has not been recognized in 2025 nor projected in 2026 due to incomplete projections for UF Capital Projects.*

Councilor Carey asked how confident is staff 80 building permits in 2026 considering the increased cost of building supplies. Administrator Reynolds said staff have had conversations with the developer and the developer will be coming back into council. The developer wants to switch part of the rental units to for sale units. Staff will be continuing conversations with the developers.

Treasurer Ehlers said the Cemetery revenue fund is just a guess of how many plots would be purchased in 2026, and the expenses remain the same. In the Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) the lottery is decreasing but could increase as we get closer to the election. Some of the general fund expenditures will move to CTF because CTF revenues can only be used for outdoor recreational facilities.

Consider Amended Restrictive Covenants Agreement for 600 W. Main Street.

Administrator Reynolds said at a recent town council meeting, owner Aaron Shockley provided an update on his progress relative to the covenants. Following review of the progress made and discussion of the timeline challenges identified, town council expressed support for shifting all Restrictive Covenant deadlines out by one year.

MOTION: Mayor A. Riddile made a motion to approve Amended Restrictive Covenants Agreement for 600 W. Main Street. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (f)(I) for an evaluation of the Town Administrator, and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees.

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MOTION: Councilor Leland made a Motion at 7:52p.m. to go into Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402 (f)(I) for an evaluation of the Town Administrator, and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees.

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Councilor Carey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Executive session concluded.

At the end of the executive session, Mayor Art Riddile made the following statement:

"The time is now 9:01p.m. and the executive session has been concluded. The participants in the executive sessions were: Mayor A. Riddile, Councilor Mariscal, Councilor Carey, Councilor Hazelton; Councilors Copeland, Councilor G Riddile, Councilor Leland, Town Administrator Reynolds, Town Clerk Andis and Town Treasurer Viktoryia Ehlers For the record, if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, I would ask that you state your concerns for the record."

No concerns were stated.

Consent Agenda

Items on the consent agenda are routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member or citizen requests it, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda.

September 16, 2025, minutes

September bills \$704,917.60

Amendment to Recreational Trail License and Management Agreement with RG Lakota

MOTION: Mayor A. Riddile made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Hazelton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Town Administrator –Administrator Reynolds said he has a meeting Wednesday, October 8, 2025, with the new RE2 School District Superintendent at Elk Creek Elementary. They will be walking where a bypass could be put in. There are only three property owners: Talbots, School District and town. He said he has had meetings with the Talbots, and they are on board with the project. If everything goes well with the school the next step would be to create a plan for a Right-of-Way. Administrator Reynolds said he would also talk to the superintendent about a School Resource Officers (SRO). Administrator Reynolds said he was also going to talk with the superintendent about the property they own next to Lakota Senior Housing. Administrator Reynolds said he also has meeting in Silt with all the city managers from Carbondale to Parachute. Administrator Reynolds said this past weekend Down Valley Brewing closed Kamm Avenue on their own and didn't ask the town for permission to do so. The street was not closed off in a safe way. Kamm Avenue can be closed, but it needs to be done properly to inform the town. Administrator Reynolds said in regard to the noise from Down Valley Brewing, the police department do have decibel readers, and the owners have been warned and asked to lower the noise. Administrator Reynolds said town staff is hosting the Christmas BINGO

with the chamber. Administrator Reynolds said Halloween is right around the corner and staff will be working on the maze in the park between town hall and the dental office. He said there are more businesses that are wanting to participate on the Trick-or-Treat New Castle. Administrator Reynolds said town hall staff held a going away party for Remi Bordelon and she is on her way to Florida. Administrator Reynolds said he has spoken with staff regarding the Christmas party. Staff said being able to socialize and have some sort of entertainment and have a good meal was important. He said he has been in conversations with the owners of the Red Barn Ranch.

Town Clerk – Clerk Andis reminded the council that November 1st, is the start of new rotation for council representatives on various commissions and committees. Councilor Copeland would remain on HPC and Mayor A. Riddile would start on P&Z. The term would go through April 2026.

Town Treasurer – not present

Town Planner – not present

Public Works Director – not present

Commission Reports

Planning & Zoning Commission – Councilor G. Riddile said they did meet and discussed a CUP for another food truck at the west end of town and a commissary kitchen.

Historic Preservation Commission – Councilor Copeland said they presented the historic designation plaque to Down Valley Brewing.

Climate and Environment Commission – Councilor Leland said they are sponsoring a cleanup on Friday, October 10, 2025. They will be picking up trash on Bruce Road, and the Lions Club will be cleaning up Hwy 6.

Senior Program – Clerk Andis said they finalized the MOU and IGA for the traveler for 2026. The agreements will go before the BOCC for final approval. Once the BOCC has approved the MOU and IGA it will be sent to the municipalities for approval and signatures.

RFTA – have not met

AGNC – Councilor Hazelton said Administrator Reynolds and Assistant Firth did a presentation for the round table discussion. Administrator Reynolds said he would give Councilor Hazelton a report the Tuesday before the meeting for what is happening in New Castle to present at the round table discussions.

GCE – Councilor Leland said he had received the presentation from Morgan Hill. The presentation was handed out to the council for their review (**Exhibit B**).

EAB – have not met

POSTR – have not met

Council Comments

Councilor Mariscal apologized for missing meetings in September and October.

Councilor Carey handed information to Administrator Reynolds regarding e-bikes and scooters and what the town could do for a policy.

Councilor Hazelton said there is some work and suggestions for Down Valley Brewing to help them with the noise complaints.

Mayor A. Riddile said the HPC designation of Down Valley Brewing was a nice event. He

voiced concerns about Down Valley Brewing with the noise complaints and blocking Kamm Avenue.

Items for Future Council Agenda

There were none

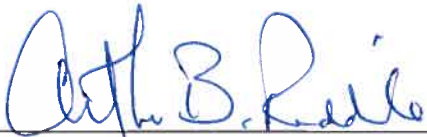
Adjourn

MOTION: Mayor A. Riddile made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,





Mayor Art Riddile



Town Clerk Mindy Andis, CMC



New Castle Trails

1. 2025 Rides & Reggae Festival - Recap
2. 2025+ Financials
3. Next Steps

2025 NCT Rides & Reggae Festival (& Dirty Dozen Races)

NCT worked to continue the R&R Festival during 2025, recognizing its past successes.

- The event has been well loved and well attended by locals and regional visitors.
- The races are an opportunity to highlight the quality of our local trail system, and they encourage increased use by those in our community, to the benefit of their health and wellness.
- NCT organized a renewed volunteer effort to ensure success for this community event. A scaled down event was coordinated for 2025, including a Free Friday event at a new Downtown venue, and more affordable bands for Saturday's event at VIX.

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2025 R&R Festival was a success.

- Attendance was strong at Friday's new Down Valley Brewing venue and again at VIX Ranch Park on Saturday.
- Event Sponsors once again made the large scope of the event possible.
- Race registrations were similar to recent years. A new free Kids Race event brought in new participants.
- RFMBA staff and NCT volunteers worked to reduce the administrative burden on Town of New Castle staff in the months before after the August 1 & 2 event.

2025 NCT Rides & Reggae Festival (& Dirty Dozen Races)

2025 R&R Festival was a success.

- NCT volunteers included many individual leaders focused on Race Events Coordination, Band Contracts, Permit Applications, Vendor Contracts, Food Vendor coordination & Drinks Tent coordination.
- Many more NCT volunteers focused on Race course marking & trail maintenance ahead of the event, Setup / teardown for two venues, and Entry Tent / ticketing.
- With the 2025 cost of Colorado based volunteer hour valued at \$38+, and with at least 260+ volunteer hours contributed over many months, the in-kind value of these efforts can be easily estimated at \$10,000 or more.

2025 NCT Rides & Reggae Festival (& Dirty Dozen Races)

2025 R&R Festival was a challenge.

- Event income was reduced, especially without the Town's annual \$20,000 contribution. Providing a Free Friday component reduced ticket and drink sales.
- While event expenses were well controlled, especially for the cost of bands/talent, vendor costs for VIX Park venue were the same or increased compared to last year (even though we only had one night vs. past years' two nights of music at the Park).
- Many months of coordination were required by staff and volunteers to secure band and vendor contracts, event sponsors, ticket sales, race course prep, and on site volunteer needs. This incurred opportunity costs for trail focused mission efforts.

2025 NCT Rides & Reggae Festival

(& Dirty Dozen Races)

NCT Rides & Reggae Event Financial Summary:

	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	
ToNC Event Support	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	(2024: \$20k in-kind ToNC event support, was spent directly on event expenses.)
Event Sponsor Income	\$62,690.00	\$43,957.50	Actual numbers are per above details.
Event Income	\$48,439.00	\$34,796.76	Actual numbers are per above details.
Event Income Total	\$131,129.00	\$78,754.26	
Direct Event Expenses	\$14,319.77	\$38,956.93	Actual numbers are per above details.
Reimbursed Expenses	\$78,454.22	\$26,157.83	Actual numbers are per above details.
Expense Total	\$92,773.99	\$65,114.76	
Event PROCEEDS	\$38,355.01	\$13,639.50	Proceeds are intended to cover New Castle area trail project & trail maintenance expenses. This number is calculated per above.

2024 Actual

Income: \$ 131,129

Expense: \$ 92,774

Proceeds: \$ 38,355

2025 Budget

Income: \$ 82,300

Expense: \$ 57,570

Proceeds: \$ 24,730

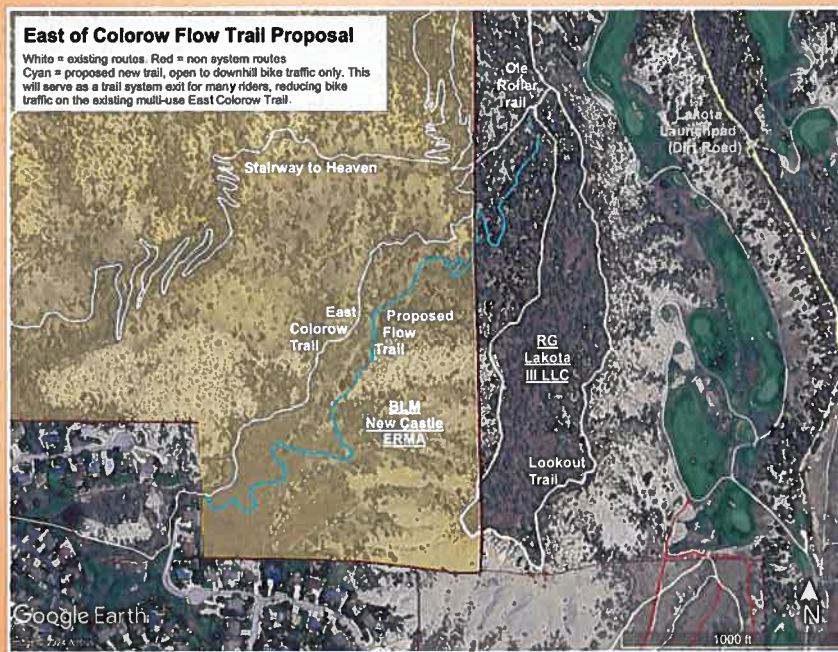
2025 (draft) Actual

Income: \$ 78,754

Expenses: \$ 65,115

Proceeds: \$ 13,640

East of Colorow Flow - Now Approved by BLM for Oct. 2025 Construction



RFMBA New Castle Trails: 2025+ Financials

NCT 2025 Financials:

NCT Fund, Starting Balance 1/1/2025: \$ 71,794

2025 (draft) Actual Income (as of 9/30/25): \$ 78,288
2025 (draft) Actual Expenses (as of 9/30/25): \$ 70,472
2025 (draft) Projected Expenses (as of 12/31/25): \$ 110,472

NCT Fund Projected Balance (as of 1/1/26): \$39,610
(to be utilized for 2026+ NC area trail projects & maintenance)

The screenshot shows a detailed financial statement with multiple columns and rows. It includes sections for 'Budget', 'Actuals', and 'Projected'. The data is organized into several tables, likely representing different categories of income and expenses. The overall layout is typical of a professional financial report or budget spreadsheet.

New Castle Trails - Future Events?

- Everyone should be proud of the way that the Rides & Reggae Festival grew, evolved, and provided valuable proceeds for local NC area trails over these past years.
- The R&R Festival has outgrown its need and purpose (to fund major trail system expansions), and it's time for a change.
- RFMBA has determined that continued coordination of the Festival by our staff and volunteers takes time and resources away from our core focus and expertise: implementing high quality local trail experiences.
- As New Castle Trails' funding needs shift from new trail construction to annual maintenance, the possibility of future fundraising events remain, especially for future versions of the trail-focused Dirty Dozen Races.

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- As New Castle Trails' funding needs shift from new trail construction to annual maintenance, the possibility of future fundraising events remain, especially for future versions of the trail-focused Dirty Dozen Races.
- NCT & ToNC Partnership concepts for 2026+:
 - Thursday Evening Race Series? With live local music downtown? Schedule for Spring vs. Summer vs. Fall?
 - Add Trail Races to Burning Mountain Days event?

New Castle Trails - Next Steps

- RFMBA & NCT will contract Team Harmony to implement the BLM approved flow exit trail that is East of Colorow.
- RFMBA & NCT will coordinate with ToNC towards VIX Ranch Bike Park maintenance & improvements (per our mid July presentation).
- NCT volunteers will begin coordination towards 2026 volunteer events & fundraising social events, along with the potential for a renewed Dirty Dozen Races fundraiser.

New Castle Trails - Next Steps

RFMBA & NCT will identify potential for 2026+ local trail network improvements, including:

- Trail reroutes for classic trails where appropriate for sustainability.
- New hiking only trail on ridge of Burning Mountain to provide a physically challenging hike that many people will enjoy.
- Explore feasibility of a replacement alignment for the hiking only West Medaris Trail
- Seek to connect Mount Medaris & Prendergast Hill with future trails to extend the trail network closest to Downtown area.

Thank you for supporting our local trails!



Exhibit
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Garfield Clean Energy

Programs update and 2026 plans

New Castle Town Council

Morgan Hill and Christina Matzi

Clean Energy Economy for the Region (CLEER)

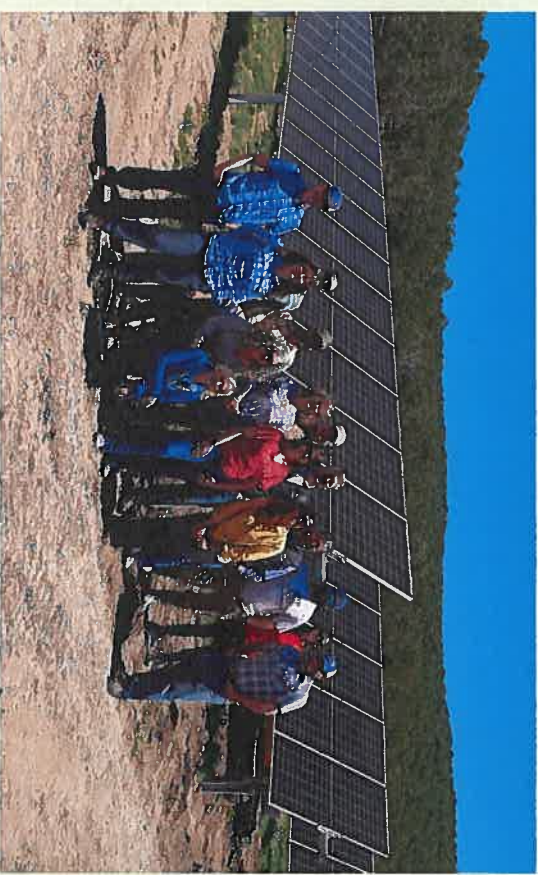
October 1, 2025



Background on Garfield Clean Energy (GCE)



- 9 member governments
- Holy Cross Energy and Garfield County Libraries are affiliate members
- Town of New Castle was a founding GCE partner
- Clean Energy Economy for the Region (CLEER) manages programs under contract



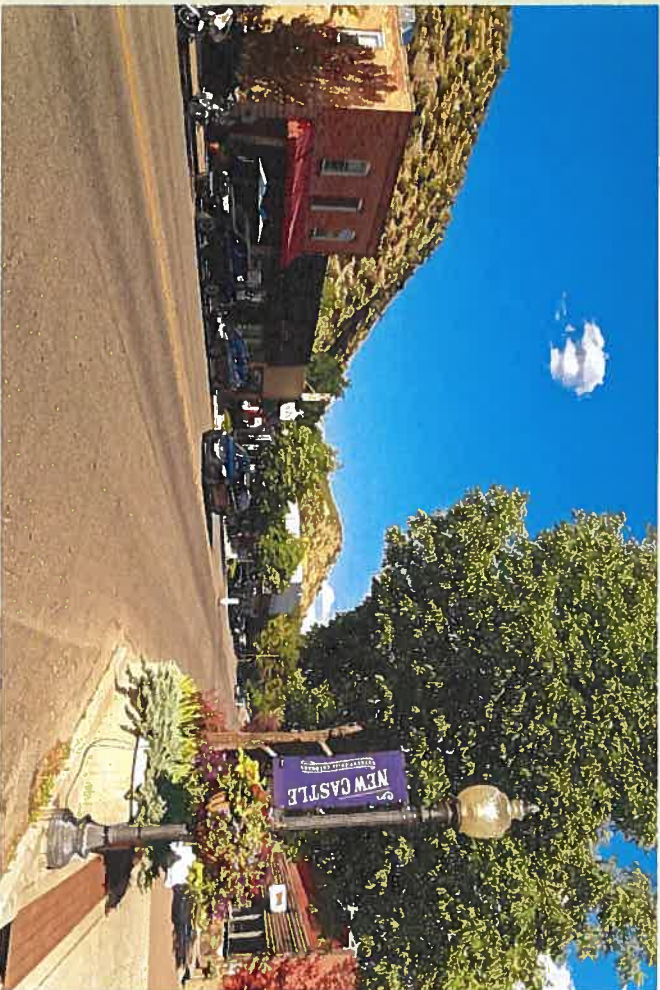
Garfield Clean Energy focus areas



- Energy efficiency for residential, commercial, and public buildings
- Locally-produced renewable energy
- Clean transportation
- Economic development and diversification



Residential and commercial buildings



Residential and commercial energy coaching



Free energy coaching for Garfield

County:

- Residents
- Businesses
- Commercial property owners

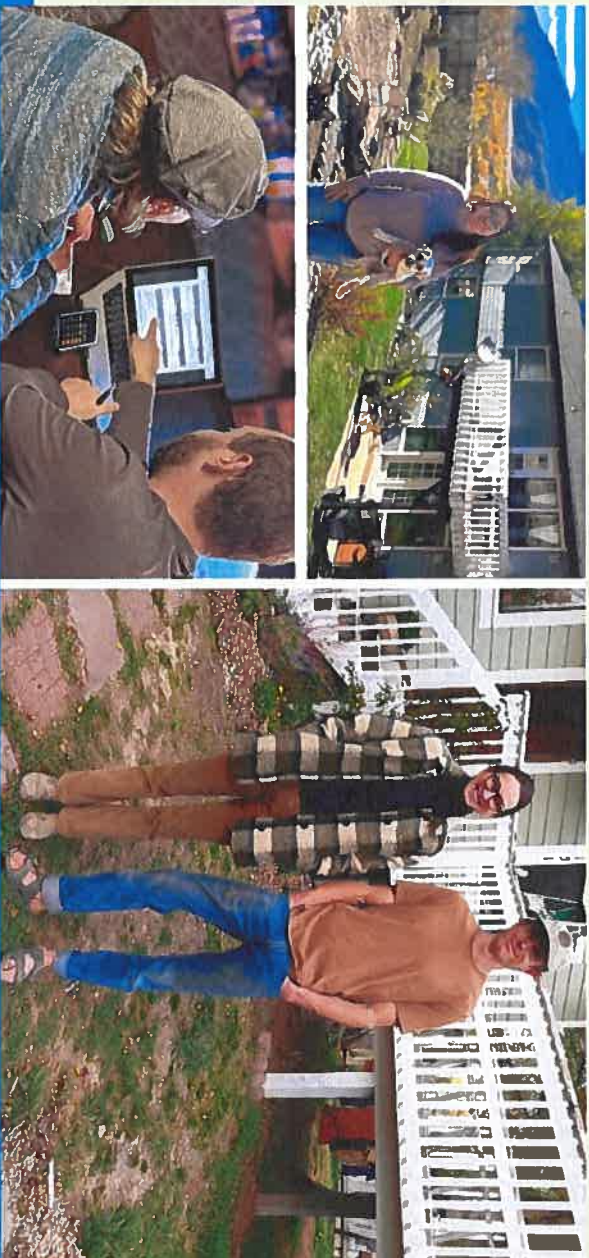
Coaching provides:

- Biggest bang-for-the-buck energy saving measures
- Available rebates and other financing options
- Recommendations on appliances
- Contractor lists



ReEnergize Garfield County

- Income-qualified one-stop-shop residential energy efficiency program
- Saving participants up to \$100 a month on their energy bills
- Measures like insulation and air sealing, HVAC upgrades
- Allocated \$93,400 in rebate funding to New Castle residents since 2022

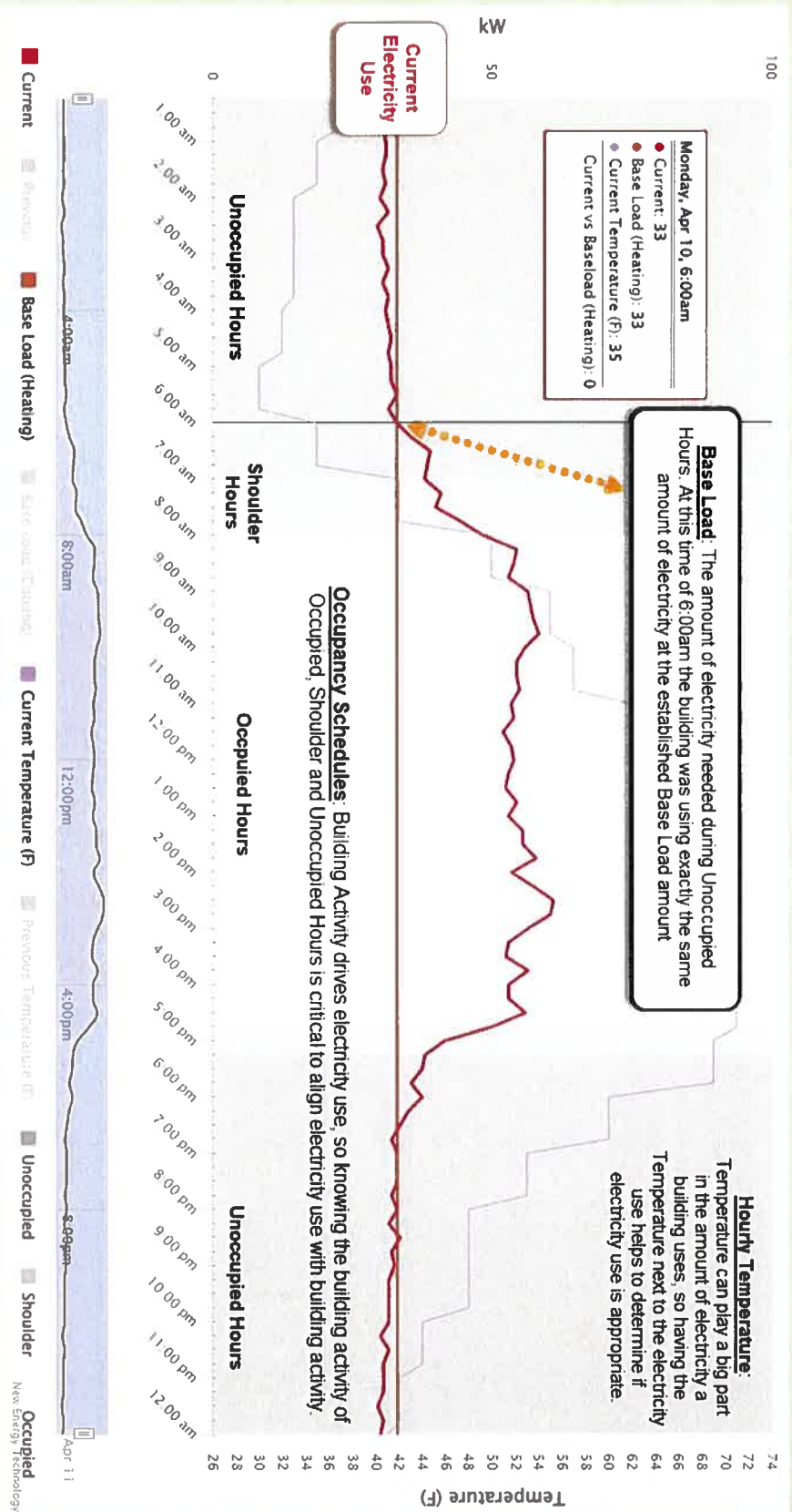




Advanced Energy Management (AEM) program

- AEM tracks energy bills and 15-minute interval data with the goal of reducing energy use and utility bills.
 - Utility bills are tracked for the Community center, Town Hall, Public works, Wastewater treatment, Water treatment and City water buildings
- New Castle utility bills showed a downward trend from 2023 to 2024
 - The six sites showed a 4% reduction in energy use and an 8% reduction in energy costs
 - GCE is currently working on a solar production report for all partners with solar. The results will be shared at the November GCE board meeting.
- All GCE tracking meters need to be replaced as they age. Replacement is needed for New Castle's interval meters if the town would like to continue the interval tracking. Utility bills will be tracked regardless.

Advanced Energy Management (AEM)



Clean transportation: electric vehicles

- EV charging infrastructure and fleets grant assistance
- Implementation of countywide EV Readiness plan
- EV 101 workshops and Ride and Drives



Clean transportation: multimodal

- E-bike grant program provided 90 e-bikes to income-qualified Garfield County residents
- BikeThere! Has had over 300 participants each year in 2024 and 2025
- Development of transportation management organization



Economic development

- Workforce training
 - Ducted heat pump training
 - Contractor lists
 - Support for professional certification
- Participation in Colorado River Valley Economic Development Partnership and data project
- Hosted Colorado Building Symposium WEST in September

GCE Board representation



- Thank you to Bruce Leland for your years of service on the GCE Board!
- We will be looking for a new representative for the Town when Bruce steps away from Council next year. We hope to continue ongoing collaboration with Caitlin Carey.



Thank you

GCE countywide collaborative programs would not have been possible without the Town of New Castle's ongoing participation.

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