



MEETING MINUTES

Environment and Climate Committee Meeting

Location:

City Hall
710 NW Wall Street
Bend, OR 97703

Date: 09/17/2026

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Facilitator: Megan Lee

1. Call to order at 11:02 a.m. by roll call

Amy Leedham, Kavi Chokshi, Ken Davies, Ray Hartwell, Neil Baunsgard, Nick Millar, Rebecca Kay, Robyn Breynaert, Rory Isbell, Scott Nordquist (virtual)

Absent: Laura Tabor

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

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Approved with no additions or corrections.

3. Public Comment (2 minutes each)

Visitors can use "Raise Hand" feature when prompted to provide public comment.

4. Staff Updates | Cassie Lacy, Senior Management Analyst

Lacy provided staff updates, including the upcoming Go Clean Energy Conference and Growth Plan (Bend Made) workshops. Lee provided a recap of the 2026 Climate Action Partner Grant Program.

5. Council Updates | Councilor Megan Norris

Councilor Norris (ECC liaison) provided an update on recent City Council meeting. Key highlights included:

- Approval to expand Urban Growth Boundary (UGB)
- Juniper Ridge resolution regarding affordable housing
- Approved design services for North Mirror Pond and Bond / Reed Market roundabout



- Tree Code discussion
- Developer roundtable
- Transportation Capital Improvement Project (CIP) and General Obligation (GO) Bond prioritization
- Construction on Olney and 8th
- Bend Made workshops and Comprehensive Plan update
- Exempting System Development Charges (SDC's) in Core Area
- City looking for new City Hall location
- Starting conceptual design process for the Core Area
- Update on Tax Increment Financing (TIF) projects

6. 2025 Climate Action Partner Grant Program Report Outs | Megan Lee, *Environment & Climate Management Analyst*

Lee led the report outs from 2025 Climate Action Partner Grant Program recipients. Representatives from each awarded organization shared a brief update about their project progress. Representatives from each organization included:

- Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity: Taylor Wilkinson
- The Environmental Center (Electrification Access and Education): Lindsey Hardy
- BendNEXT Foundation: Chris Hart
- The Environmental Center (Rethink Waste Project): Kavi Chokshi
- Commute Options: Aoibhe Richardson
- Central Oregon Community College: Amy Knudsen
- High Desert Food and Farm Alliance: Video provided by Ann Pistacchi-Peck

The committee recessed at 11:40 p.m. and reconvened at 11:55 p.m.

7. Electrification Incentives | Lynn Roy, *Brightline Group* and Cassie Lacy, *Senior Management Analyst*

Roy presented on an analysis of options for the electrification incentives. She presented potential funding levels, primary objectives for revenue funds, equipment costs, and program options for discussion, and pros/cons of each program.

- Option 1a – Direct Consumer Incentives (low)
- Option 1b – Direct Consumer Incentives (medium)
- Option 1b – Direct Consumer Incentives (high)
- Option 1 – Direct Consumer Incentives (suggested)
- Option 1 – ++solar
- Option 2 – Split Incentive
- Option 3 – non incentives – Community Renewable Asset



Lacy opened the discussion to the ECC to gauge interest in each incentive option. Key highlights from the discussion included:

- Broadening the use of funds to other climate impacts (wildfire and water risks) rather than solely focusing on electrification. The majority of the ECC was more interested in using funds to support CCAP mitigation work rather than climate adaptation work.
- ECC members were generally in support of using the funds for a community solar project or bolstering the Climate Action Partner Grant Program.
- Administration burden of residential rebates. Support for partnership with ETO to administer rebates if Council decides to approve direct customer incentives.
- None of the options presented are off of the table.

8. Materials & Waste Policies Discussion | Cassie Lacy, *Senior Management Analyst and*
Materials & Waste Working Group

This agenda item was skipped due to time constraints.

9. Agenda Review | Cassie Lacy, *Senior Management Analyst*

10. Adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Lee, Environment & Climate Management Analyst

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