

Energy Council Application

Roles, Responsibilities, and Statement of Commitment

The purpose of the Hood River County Energy Council is to serve as an advisory body to the agencies that have approved by resolution the Hood River County Energy Plan (County of Hood River, the City of Hood River, the Port of Hood River, and the Port of Cascade Locks) as well as to the citizens and public and private partners who are committed to helping Hood River County meet the goals of the plan. The Energy Council provides ongoing strategic direction toward the implementation of the Hood River County Energy Plan, helping ensure projects responsibly increase energy independence and economic benefits related to energy use, improve community resilience, and reduce fossil fuel consumption.

Council Responsibilities

The Energy Council as a whole is responsible for approving the following documents:

1. The Hood River County Energy Plan Organizational Guidelines (includes principles, vision, goals, and objectives).
2. The Hood River Energy Council Work Plan, to be implemented collaboratively by the Energy Council staff, the Energy Council, elected officials, and community members/volunteers.

To gain formal Energy Council approval for the above, there must be a quorum.

Member Responsibilities

As a member of the Hood River Energy Council, I agree to do the following:

1. Operate under our Guiding Principles (listed in Section IV of the Operational Guidelines) and understand the status of the Energy Council Work Plan.
2. Understand the significance of projects for some or all major stakeholders and to represent their interests;
3. Advocate for broad support of the benefits pursued by the Energy Council;
4. Provide support for Energy Council Work Plan projects, where appropriate, based on expertise and availability.

In practice, this means I will do the following:

1. Attend meetings and review prep materials;
2. Ensure the projects being pursued by the Energy Council provide benefits to public entities and taxpayers;
3. Help balance conflicting priorities and resources;
4. Provide guidance to Energy Council staff and partners;
5. Foster positive communication outside of the Energy Council regarding the group's progress and outcomes;
6. Report on project progress to those responsible for funding and implementing projects, such as government bodies and grant funders.

I understand that commitment to this Council will involve a significant contribution of time and energy during the year, and I am prepared to dedicate 2-4 hours/month of my time to attending Council meetings, subcommittee meetings, and additional meetings while also responding timely to communication and serving in a leadership role on select projects.

I commit to the following:

1. I will attend all Council meetings during the year and be available for phone and/or email consultation with other members and staff. If I cannot attend a meeting, it is my responsibility to notify staff prior to the meeting. If I miss a meeting, it is my responsibility to find out what occurred during the meeting and what actions were taken, as well as completing any required follow-up.
2. I understand that the minimum commitment required to serve on the Council is a 2-year term and that I may serve additional consecutive terms by election. If for any reason I need to leave the Council, I agree to give as much notice as possible and will do my best to help find a replacement Council member to serve in my place.

In turn, the Energy Council Staff is responsible for the following:

1. Energy Council staff will provide clear and current information relating to the Energy Plan Work Plan progress, needs, and opportunities and will be available to discuss activities.
2. Energy Council staff will give reasonable notice for all council and committee meetings (materials at least three days in advance).

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Open until filled. Applications for 2023-2024 service terms will be reviewed in December 2022. **Please apply by December 1, 2022,** to be considered. You may submit additional pages if you'd like.

Name: _____

Contact information: (phone, email, and address). To be eligible, you must live in one of the following counties: Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Klickitat, or Skamania.

Are you available to attend Energy Council meetings, which take place quarterly on Thursdays from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.? *Please note that meeting time and frequency are subject to change.*

In what ways are you uniquely qualified to serve on the Energy Council, and what skills, assets, perspectives, and relationships do you feel you can contribute to the Energy Council?

What are you most excited about when it comes to energy planning in Hood River County?

How will you advance the Energy Council's goals?

I agree to serve a 2-year term, commencing in January 2023 and ending in December 2024.

Signature and date,

Signature

Date

Email completed application to lindsay@mcedd.org or mail to MCEDD at 802 Chenoweth Loop Road, the Dalles, 97058, Attention: Energy & Project Manager. Please be advised that applications will be reviewed in December. Applying by December 1, 2022, will ensure your application is considered.