

Energy Council Application

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 (Hood River County, 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 in the Hood River County Energy Plan. The Energy Council supports the implementation of the Energy Plan, helping ensure projects responsibly increase energy independence and economic benefits related to energy use, improve community resilience, and reduce emissions from the burning of fossil fuels.

Energy Council Responsibilities

The Energy Council 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.

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' primary stakeholders and 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 the Energy 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 Energy Council meetings during the year and will 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 Energy 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 Energy Council, I agree to give as much notice as possible and will do my best to help find a replacement Energy Council member to serve in my place.

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

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

Application

Energy Council positions are open until filled. Applications for the 2027-28 term will be reviewed in advance of the December 3, 2026, Energy Council meeting. **Please apply by November 2, 2026,** to be considered. You are welcome to submit additional pages, including a resume or curriculum vitae.

Name:

Contact information, including phone number, email, and home address (to be eligible you must live in Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Klickitat, or Skamania County):

Are you available to attend Energy Council meetings, which take place quarterly on Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.? *Please note that meeting time and frequency are subject to change.*

What are you interested in gaining from your role as a member of the Energy Council?

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

What skills, experience, and relationships will you bring to help to advance the goals of the Hood River County Energy Plan?

I agree to serve a 2-year term, commencing in January 2027 and ending in December 2028.

Signature

Name

Date

Email completed application to lindsay@mcedd.org. Applying by **November 2, 2026**, will ensure your application is considered.