

Form **990**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No 1545-0047

2009Open to Public
Inspection**A** For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning

and ending

B Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Terminated
☒ Amended return
☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type

See Specific Instructions

C Name of organization**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES ORGANIZATION**

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)

432 NORTH LAST CHANCE GULCH

Room/suite

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

HELENA, MT 59601**F** Name and address of principal officer: **JONDA CROSBY****432 N. LAST CHANCE GULCH, HELENA, MT 59601****D** Employer identification number**81-0350698****E** Telephone number**406-443-7272****G** Gross receipts \$ **180,510.****H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶**I** Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c) (3) (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: **WWW.AEROMT.ORG****K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶**L** Year of formation: **1974** **M** State of legal domicile: **MT****Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: **AERO IS A GRASSROOTS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO SOLUTIONS THAT PROMOTE RESOURCE****2** Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets**3** Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)**3** **15****4** Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)**4** **15****5** Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)**5** **3****6** Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)**6** **100****7a** Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12**7a** **0.****b** Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34**7b** **0.**

Revenue

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)

Prior Year

Current Year

171,554.**164,809.****9** Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)**21,722.****15,544.****10** Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and d)**140.****539.****11** Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)**1,197.****-382.****12** Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VII, column (A), line 12)**194,613.****180,510.****13** Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)**0.****1,950.****14** Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)**0.****0.****15** Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)**97,266.****97,661.****16a** Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)**36,899.****0.****b** Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶**7,247.****17** Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)**56,514.****117,465.****18** Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)**190,679.****217,076.****19** Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12**3,934.****-36,566.**

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)

Beginning of Current Year

End of Year

69,445.**50,549.****21** Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)**3,433.****17,777.****22** Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20**66,012.****32,772.****Part II Signature Block**

Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

☒ Signature of officer

Date

JONDA CROSBY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Type or print name and title

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Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature ▶

Date

03/16/11Check if self-employed ☐

Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4

GALUSHA HIGGINS AND GALUSHA**P.O. BOX 1699****HELENA, MT 59624-1699**

EIN ▶

Phone no. ▶ **406-442-5520**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

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LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form **990** (2009)**SEE SCHEDULE O FOR ORGANIZATION MISSION STATEMENT CONTINUATION**

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

- 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission. **SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION**
AERO IS A GRASSROOTS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO SOLUTIONS THAT PROMOTE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND LOCAL ECONOMIC VITALITY. AERO NURTURES INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY SELF RELIANCE THROUGH PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
- 2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O
- 3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.
- 4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses
 Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ **126,472.** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
HELP CITIZENS DEVELOP ENVIRONMENTALLY COMPATIBLE TECHNOLOGIES AND PRACTICES THAT CONSERVE ENERGY, REDUCE FOSSIL FUEL DEPENDENCY AND FOSTER COMMUNITY SELF-RELIANCE.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **35,307.** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **15,701.**)
PROVIDE A FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND INFORMATION THROUGH WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND PUBLICATIONS

AMENDED

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
 (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ► \$ **161,779.**

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Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21	1,950.	1,950.		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	35,317.	27,519.	6,220.	1,578.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	37,002.	28,831.	6,517.	1,654.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	16,122.	12,091.	3,352.	679.
10 Payroll taxes	9,220.	6,606.	2,361.	253.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	6,740.	4,493.	2,247.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	438.		438.	
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion	1,283.	1,233.	50.	
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	14,786.	9,120.	5,575.	91.
17 Travel	4,977.	3,869.	1,108.	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	17,028.	14,521.	2,490.	17.
20 Interest	571.		571.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	2,190.	1,293.	897.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a <u>CONTRACTORS</u>	42,459.	33,084.	6,931.	2,444.
b <u>POSTAGE, PRINTING, AND</u>	11,486.	9,340.	1,797.	349.
c <u>SUPPLIES</u>	6,106.	3,729.	2,229.	148.
d <u>DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>	5,942.	875.	5,067.	
e <u>INTERNSHIP</u>	3,125.	3,125.		
f All other expenses	334.	100.	200.	34.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	217,076.	161,779.	48,050.	7,247.
26 Joint costs. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				