



Collaborative Board Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2023, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Gilpin Conference Room - Routt County Department of Health and Human Services,
Steamboat Springs, CO

Roll Call

The meeting of the Collaborative Board was called to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. on Friday, June 23, 2023 as a hybrid meeting.

Collaborative voting members in attendance:

- Steamboat Springs: Counselor Gail Garey
- Routt County: Commissioner Sonja Macys
- Routt County: Scott Cowman
- Hayden: Mathew Mendisco
- Town of Oak Creek: David Torgler
- Town of Yampa: Sheila Symons
- Community: Steve Johnson
- Community: Tim Wohlgenant
- Community: Sarah Jones
- Community: Geoff Blakeslee

Quorum is present. Yampa Valley Sustainability Council's Michelle Stewart, Winn Cowman and Ashley Dean were present supporting Program Management for the Collaborative Board.

Minutes

Counselor Garey moved to approve the May 26, 2023 minutes. Geoff motioned and Commissioner Macys seconded. All in favor. No objection. Approved 10-0.

Agenda Amendment

Due to Commissioner Macys' need to leave early, it was requested to move item 4 d. on the agenda to the first order of business. Move approved.

4. d. Prioritization and steps - Accountability

Discussion on rolling out 'The Good Traveler' program at the Yampa Valley Regional Airport:

- The Yampa Valley Regional Airport is now a member of The Good Traveler program.
- Need to identify local, impactful, certifiable offset options - YVSC could be the non-profit to identify carbon offset projects.
 - E.g., YVSC wet meadow restoration projects (can create carbon calculations from these types of land use projects).
- Discussion on using the Yampa Valley Community Foundation to set up a fund for Climate Action projects.
 - Yampa River Fund is a good model for this (over \$5 million now).
 - Discussion on whether to put money into immediate funding for projects or an endowment that can grow.
 - Recognizing that our collective goal is to scale climate action as quickly as possible, interest in accessing funds for the near term at a time when momentum is building is important.
 - Commissioner Macys voiced an opposition by the County Commissioners on contributing to an endowment.
- Sub-committee to meet with Kevin Booth to discuss next steps. As the CAP fiscal agent, Mathew requested to be part of sub-committee. Sub-committee to also include Commissioner Macys, Tim W., Kevin Booth and Michelle Stewart to look into the development of a fund and not an endowment.
- Commissioner Macys (via County attorney) and Mathew to look into the IGA.
- Counselor Garey moved to see if there are any objections/concerns to pursue looking into a Climate Fund. No objections.

3. Debrief from Collaborative Public Open House

- Board pleased with turnout - diverse group, engaged. Public comments document to be shared with the Board.
- Notable groups missing from the CAP - School district, hospitals and HOAs.
- YVSC to follow up with Working Group members on comments they received.
- Capture repeated public comments as 'community identified'.

4. a. Prioritization of recommendations in relation to criteria

- How does the Board prioritize 41 recommendations or should it? Governmental entities have the power to choose what they fund.

- Board guidance would be helpful. Governmental partners want to know how much things cost, who will be the leads, what are high priority recommendations.
- Highlight what City and County can work together on like the Recycling Drop off site.
- YVSC to develop a guiding document for the recommendations.

4. b. Role of Working Groups

- How are the Working Group empowered?
- Subject experts pulled in when strategically necessary.
- Celebrate the Working Groups in September.

4. c. Role of the Board in moving recommendations forward

- Prioritization from criteria. Use YVSC spreadsheet as a guiding document. Document to be prepared before July meeting.
- Also guidance from the CAP. IGA speaks to what the Board is tasked to do.
- Summer time for Board to evaluate, prioritize and budget.
- Touch base with governmental partners to see what they need.
- City and County to get a joint meeting on the calendar.
- CAP annual report - progress, metrics, budget, status of CAP recommendations (projects and policies).
- Counselor Garey to take lead on finalizing CAP Accountability goals before next meeting.
- CAP governmental liaisons - Routt County has a group that meets internally monthly (department heads), Hayden has this as well.
- Public comment on recommendations open until July 21. Board to incorporate public feedback where possible.

Next Meeting

- Friday, July 28, 2023 - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Brinkman Conference Room, Integrated Community (443 Oak Street, Steamboat Springs).

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

MINUTES PREPARED, REVIEWED AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Ashley Dean Approved 28 Day of July_ 2023 _____.