



Collaborative Board Meeting Minutes: February 7, 2025

Roll call

The meeting of the Collaborative board was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by CAP Board Chair Gail Garey.

Collaborative Board Members in attendance:

- City of Steamboat Springs: Gail Garey
- City of Steamboat Springs: Steve Muntean
- Routt County: Scott Cowman
- Routt County: Angelica Salinas
- Town of Hayden: Mathew Mendisco (joined at 10:06 a.m.)
- Town of Yampa: Sheila Symons
- Community: Sarah Jones
- Community: Tim Wohlgenant
- Community: Emily Katzman

Not present:

- Town of Hayden: Ryan Banks (alternate)
- Town of Oak Creek: Melissa Dobbins
- Town of Yampa: Michael Geanious
- Community: Jeff Milius

Michelle Stewart, Tim Sullivan, Abby Vander Graaff and Luisa Lombera were present supporting Program Management for the Collaborative Board.

Minutes

Tim W. made a motion to approve the January 10, 2025 meeting minutes. Emily seconded. All in favor.

Board Administration Updates/Discussion:

- Board discussed recent meeting with UCHealth and potential for collaboration.
- Board directed Yampa Town Administrator Sheila Symons to follow-up with South Routt teacher.



- Board expressed interest in meeting with YVEA representatives and having discussions with other key speakers.

Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update:

- YVSC is continuing talks with Lotus and is working to find funding options.

Discuss CAP Board 2025 goals (Accountability Tracker):

Strategy 1: Ensure adequate funding for the CAP

Discussion included:

- Routt County landfill tipping fees support waste diversion.
- If the CAP Board supports a ballot initiative for funding, it would need to collaborate with other groups thinking of adding ballot measures.
- Funding strategies should correlate to quantitative greenhouse gas emissions reductions, examples included RTA.
- RTA ballot measure and likelihood of it during 2025 election. Board discussed clarifying RTA funding as a 2025 CAP Board goal.
- The Good Traveler Program has raised about \$400 since it was established despite successful completion of marketing strategy as outlined by the Board.
- Board discussed the utility of focusing on The Good Traveler Program vs. focusing on more impactful fundraising strategies.
- Board members expressed desire to add a plan to develop a major fundraising strategy for the CAP Fund that could potentially include Yampa Valley Gives Day.

Strategy 2: Establish accountability mechanisms for the CAP

Discussion included:

- There should be a process for responding to public feedback solicited during public engagement activities and a way to document as having been received and integrated into future work where advised by the Board.
- The Accountability sector could be included on the CAP website.
- Issues like county-wide utility scale solar will likely require board discussion as the proposal could be aligned with some CAP goals and not others.
- Articulate and formalize the role of letters of support, grants, etc.

CAP Fund update

- Board discussed the application process for the CAP Fund grants, with the goal to issue an RFP for grants and disperse money this year. There was discussion of using an annual granting cycle and online portal for applications, with YVSC



support grant-related questions. Goal of accepting applications April 15. Award amounts could vary but wouldn't exceed \$25,000. YVCF CEO Tim Wohlgenant, YVHA Development Project Manager Emily Katzman, YVSC Executive Director Michelle Stewart and possibly SSRC Director of Social Responsibility Sarah Jones will meet to discuss further.

Program Management Updates (YVSC)

- YVSC shared general information about the social cost of carbon, a figure that is used to develop a quantitative value to goals of a project. The EPA recommends a value of \$190 per ton of carbon, while the State of Colorado uses \$75 and the federal government is transitioning to \$4.
- Board discussed Equity Working Group focus on exploring which groups are most affected by climate change and working to address barriers to participation.
- Board discussed that the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) is on pause. There is possibility to still issue an RFP so project can be moved forward when funding is available. There is confusion around receiving the funds, as they are obligated but the federal government has cancelled the block grant project. YVSC will follow up with Yampa Valley Electric Association to see if they are in a similar situation with their grant.

Other

- Next meeting: Friday, March 7, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Gilpin Conference Room, Routt County Health and Human Services

Meeting adjourned at 12 p.m. by Board Chair Gail Garey.

MINUTES PREPARED AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Abby Vander Graaff
Approved March 7, 2024.