



Collaborative Board Meeting Minutes: March 7, 2025

Roll Call

The meeting of the Collaborative Board was called to order by CAP Board Chair Alternate Steve Muntean at approximately 10:08 a.m. on 7 March 2025.

Collaborative voting members in attendance were:

- Routt County: Scott Cowman
- City of Steamboat Springs: Steve Muntean
- Town of Yampa: Sheila Symons (arrived at 10:12 a.m. virtually to make a quorum)
- Community: Sarah Jones
- Community: Emily Katzman
- Community: Jeff Milius (virtual)

Not present:

- Town of Oak Creek: Melissa Dobbins
- City of Steamboat Springs: Gail Garey
- Routt County: Angelica Salinas
- Town of Yampa: Michael Geanious
- Community: Tim Wohlgenant
- Town of Hayden: Mathew Mendisco

Quorum is present.

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

Minutes:

The Board voted to approve the February 7, 2025 minutes. Sarah Jones motioned to approve. Scott Cowman seconded. Approved 6 to 0.

Board Administration Updates/Discussion:

- The Board discussed Strategies 3-5 on the Accountability Tracker.

- Strategy 3 – The board discussed the target of having the CAP integrate with other community plans, such as the Town of Hayden’s Resiliency Plan, Brown Ranch, the Oak Creek Comprehensive Plan, Yampa Valley Regional Airport expansion planning, Stagecoach Mountain Ranch, Upper Yampa Watersheds Habitat, Conservation and Connectivity Plan and the Steamboat Springs Comprehensive Development Code.
- Strategy 4 – The Board discussed the potential to support a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) ballot measure, in addition to general communications and outreach such as reaching out to CAP partners and hosting partner presentations.
- Strategy 5 – The Board discussed the potential for revisiting the idea of a sustainability policy with Routt County and other CAP governments, in addition to continuing outreach through regional conferences, partner meetings and involvement of the private sector.
- The Board suggested creating a regular process of looking at the CAP to figure out why some actions aren’t being taken. Emphasis was made that the accountability tracker is meant to be focused on accountability for carbon emissions reduction work, not just board actions.
- YVSC staff shared that the request for proposal for the 2025 CAP Fund grant cycle would go out the following week. YVCF will provide the Board with applications for review. Applications are due April 16.
- The Board discussed the social cost of carbon, and the potential to determine a social cost of carbon number and decided that in cases where the social cost of carbon is being used in decision-making, the number should not be less than the state of Colorado’s social cost of carbon.

Working Group Updates/Discussion

- YVSC provided the Board with updates on the CAP Working Groups, including that updates were made to the climate equity framework and that Tim Sullivan will write a letter on behalf of the CAP Collaborative to emphasize the importance of US Forest Service employee participation in the Land Use Working Group. The Transportation Working Group discussed the potential for a lift ticket tax or parking fees to fund City transit.

Other

- YVSC staff reported that there is now a signed contract for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant that began January 1 and grant reporting is in progress.
- YVSC staff reported that data collection is beginning for the greenhouse gas emissions inventory, which could be complete in May if data is provided quickly.
- Next Meeting – Friday, April 4 from 10 a.m.-Noon at the Gilpin Conference Room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at Noon. Scott Cowman motioned to adjourn, Emily Katzman seconded. All in favor.

MINUTES PREPARED, REVIEWED AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Abby
Vander Graaff

Approved 4 Day of April 2025.