



Collaborative Board Meeting Minutes: May 2, 2025

Roll Call

The meeting of the Collaborative Board was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on May 2, 2025 by CAP Board Chair Gail Garey.

Collaborative voting members in attendance were:

- Routt County: Scott Cowman
- Routt County: Angelica Salinas (virtual)
- City of Steamboat Springs: Gail Garey
- City of Steamboat Springs: Steve Muntean
- Town of Yampa: Sheila Symons (virtual, left at 11:40 a.m. and returned by 12:15 p.m.)
- Town of Oak Creek: Melissa Dobbins (virtual)
- Community: Tim Wohlgenant
- Community: Sarah Jones (virtual)
- Community: Emily Katzman
- Community: Jeff Milius

Not present:

- Town of Hayden: Mathew Mendisco
- Town of Yampa: Michael Geanious

Quorum is present for voting portion of the meeting.

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

Minutes:

Tim Wohlgenant motioned to approve the April 4, 2025 minutes. Emily Katzman seconded. All in favor.

Partner Engagement Presentation

- Yampa Valley Electric Association (YVEA) CEO Scott Blecke presented to the Board, sharing an overview of YVEA and its energy considerations with a Q&A session following.

Board Administration Updates/Discussion:

- The Board discussed the legal considerations around communications regarding the formation of a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), given that an RTA formation is likely to appear on the ballot. The board decided, based on legal advice from government attorneys, that the CAP Collaborative cannot be involved in any manner of advocacy for ballot initiatives because the CAP receives public funding. The board discussed that if any information about the RTA is shared by the CAP Collaborative, it must equally represent the “pro” and “con” sides of the issue. The board decided it would be necessary to have a clear outline of scenarios in which it is and is not acceptable to put out information regarding the RTA.
- The Board discussed the recent Colorado Public Utility Commission (PUC) hearing in Hayden, in which community members shared public comments about Xcel Energy’s Just Transition Plan for the region.
- The Board discussed upcoming partner engagement meetings with the Routt County Commissioners, Town of Hayden, Town of Yampa, City of Steamboat Springs and Town of Oak Creek.

Program Management Updates/Discussion:

- YVSC updated the board on progress made on the greenhouse gas emissions inventory. Almost all data points have been collected, and Lotus will present the inventory to the Board at the June 6 meeting.
- YVSC shared updates on a recent YVSC Community Meeting where Apex Twin Enviro representatives presented on the company’s recycling updates, challenges and goals. The Board discussed recycling messaging, logistics and cost considerations.

Other

- Next meeting: Friday, June 6, 10 a.m.-Noon at the Gilpin Conference Room, Routt County Health and Human Services building.
- The CAP Board agreed to reschedule the July 4, 2025 meeting due to the Independence Day holiday.

Adjournment

Tim Wohlgenant motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Milius seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

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

Approved __6____ Day of __June, 2025____.