



Collaborative Board Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2022, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Routt County building

Roll Call

The meeting of the Collaborative Board was called to order at approximately 11:09 a.m. on Friday December 16, 2022 as a hybrid meeting.

Collaborative voting members in attendance:

- Routt County: Beth Melton (Chair)
- Steamboat Springs: Gail Garey (Co-Chair)
- Routt County: Scott Cowman
- Yampa: Sheila Symons (remote)
- Community: Steve Johnson
- Community: Tim Wohlgenant
- Community: Geoff Blakeslee
- Hayden: Mathew Mendisco

Not present:

- Community: Sarah Jones
- Oak Creek: Nikki Knoebel

Quorum is present.

YVSC's Michelle Stewart, Paul Bony, Tim Sullivan, Winn Cowman and Ashley Dean were present supporting Program Management for the Collaborative Board.

Minutes:

The Board voted to approve the November 18, 2022 Minutes. Geoff B. motioned to approve. Gail G. seconded. No objection. Approved 8-0.

Host Updates

- Routt County is developing an internal sustainability policy (e.g. green fleets, purchasing policies, energy efficiency codes, EV chargers and waste reduction), and allocating \$250,000 over the next year toward climate and sustainability goals.

Board Administration Updates/Discussion:

- Community Board Member Update. Four applications received, three interviewed. The governmental CAP Board recommends the reappointment of Steve Johnson for the three-year position, but each governmental entity still needs to vote to reappoint Steve.
- Collaborative Officer appointment process per Bylaws. Current CAP Board Chair, Routt County Commissioner Beth Melton, to step down in January with the new Commissioner appointment of Sonja Macys. CAP Board discussed CAP bylaws and appointment process for the one-year appointments of Chair, Vice-chair and Treasurer. Vice-chair usually fills Chair position, but Board members can express interest in appointments at the January Board meeting.
- Partner Engagement Meeting updates:
 - Lessons learned from Town of Yampa meeting: 1) CAP Board needs to be cognizant of cost concerns; 2) Articulate co-benefits beyond emissions reduction; 3) Need for public engagement and outreach about what is in the Climate Action Plan.
 - Town of Oak Creek ready and onboard with CAP.
 - Board agreed to compile a summary of what was heard and send back touch points with Governmental partners. Find common ground where we can work together in a beneficial way. Scott Cowman to follow up with Oak Creek and Yampa.

CAP-related policy engagement

- Role of CAP Working Groups: Board recognizes the important role of the Working Groups to provide factually based assessments to inform the Board on timely policy decisions that influence CAP implementation - how are decisions in alignment with the CAP and climate policy?
 - Be a resource for information, build awareness and credibility.
- Pay as you Throw (PAYT). Intention of CAP Waste white paper is to continue the conversation regarding Pay As You Throw, especially with the Colorado Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) bill on the horizon. Better educate City Council and the public about what PAYT is, clarify language by using volume-based pricing. Without PAYT, there is little helping in the residential area for recycling.
 - Board requests CAP Waste Working Group to update white paper to include a more comprehensive look at PAYT and to consolidate any additional concerns.

- CAP Energy Working Group white paper. Working Group seeks CAP Board approval to advise City staff on future decisions related to energy efficiency of the complex. Board agreed it is appropriate for the Working Group to send a letter to City staff offering to set up a work session, recognizing that a decision has already been made on how the complex will be heated.
- Net metering/YVEA solar policy updates. CAP Board would like to know how this policy change impacts overall goals of the CAP, particularly as they relate to solar-installation on governmental buildings (financial impacts) and carbon reduction. CAP Board requests the CAP Energy Working Group to look into the following questions:
 - How important is distributed solar and the greening of the grid to our CAP goals?
 - What is the role of distributed solar in relation to beneficial electrification (larger scale commercial versus residential solar)?
 - Are financial incentives that might support beneficial electrification threatened with changes in distributed solar policies?

Working Group Updates/Discussion

- Due to time constraints, Board will review Working Group updates via the submitted CAP Working Group Meeting Summaries. All CAP Working Groups presently working on identifying “big wins”/recommendations to bring before the Board.

Board Discussions

- **CAP Communications Plan**
 - i. Goal of communications to date has been informing the public, with the intention to engage/empower the public further along
 - ii. Potential public open house to be held in the spring where people can talk to Working Group and Board members
 - iii. What are our 2023 goals for community outreach?
 1. Building credibility for Working Groups both within our governmental partnerships and community
 2. Increasing baseline understanding of what is in the CAP
 3. Increase understanding of what the Working Groups and Board are doing/actions taken, also include actions undertaken at the governmental and individual organizational level as they relate to the CAP, tools available to the public
 4. Increase dialogue and engagement/community conversation - create sense of openness, opportunities for the community to weigh in, address misunderstandings, economic impacts
 5. Include co-benefits as well as carbon emission reduction goals in our communications

6. Partner engagements beyond governments - community partners (e.g., Big Agnes, the Community Foundation, Steamboat Ski Resort, YVEA)
 7. Consider a framework for partners outside of government to contribute to climate fund to support collaborative projects
 8. Help other jurisdictions interested in their own climate action plans to amplify impact
- iv. CAP website is live. Visit: <https://www.routtclimateaction.com/>
 - v. How can people get involved? Public can currently subscribe to a CAP newsletter via the website to stay informed of CAP activities
 - vi. YVSC Communications Associate Julia Hebard to develop a 2023 CAP Communications Plan to bring back to the Board in January

Next Meeting

- Friday, January 27, 2023 - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (to be tentatively held in the Town of Yampa)

Adjournment

Commissioner Melton motioned to adjourn. Board seconded and thanked Commissioner Melton for her four years of service. The meeting adjourned at 1:03pm.

MINUTES PREPARED, REVIEWED AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Ashley Dean Approved 27 Day of January, 2023_____.