



Collaborative Board Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2023, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Commissioners' Hearing Room, Routt County building

Roll Call

The meeting of the Collaborative Board was called to order at approximately 10:04 a.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023 as a hybrid meeting.

Collaborative voting members in attendance:

- Hayden: Mathew Mendisco (Co-chair)
- Steamboat Springs: Counselor McGinlay
- Routt County: Scott Cowman
- Community: Steve Johnson
- Community: Tim Wohlgenant
- Community: Geoff Blakeslee
- Community: Sarah Jones

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

Minutes

Mathew moved to approve the February 24, 2023 minutes. Scott approved. Sarah seconded. All in favor. No objection. Approved 7-0.

Board Administration Updates

1. Community Board Member Update:
 - Routt County, the City of Steamboat Springs, and Towns of Hayden, Oak Creek and Yampa have all formally approved the reappointment of Steve Johnson for the CAP Board Community Member seat.
2. Update on City Council Staff CAP work session:

- City staff, led by Winnie DelQuaddri, updated Council on what is underway as it relates to the CAP. Goal of the meeting was for Council to provide direction on CAP-related policies for City staff to explore. No clear requests for policies, but direction to flag CAP-related budget items will be helpful when using general funds. Building a readiness for City Council that recommendations are coming and will that goals will cover an immediate to 5-year time period.
 - Scott reiterated County is moving forward with sustainability policy and that it would be good if City and Council moved together.
3. CAP Partner Engagement meeting with City Council (April 4):
 - Steve, Commissioner Macys and Tim W (if available) or Sarah to present. Mathew may join remotely. May have one member from each working present to answer questions. YVSC will provide updated presentation material.
 4. 2023 Board Goals sub-committee meetings progress update (meetings scheduled).

Board Direction to Working Groups

1. General direction on recommendation language/content
 - YVSC engaging with Lotus for peer review, reaching out to CO Department of Energy, The Nature Conservancy and CO Recycle for third party review. Good for the Board to benchmark what other groups are doing. All CAP peer-review Working Group session scheduled for April 27.
 - Level of specificity – Board wants recommendations that are actionable and set up for success.
 - Verbiage – Why ‘recommendations’ rather than ‘priorities’? These are priorities that have been sifted down and run through a criteria to prioritize
 - Understanding top priorities would be helpful as well as low-hanging fruit
 - Need to move away from talking about recommendations as a menu of options. All strategies need to be pursued to achieve 35% reduction by 2030
 - Timeline of 5-years – ‘near term priorities’, consider showing recommendation in 1,3, and 5 year timeline
 - Communication – these are the priorities for implementation
 - Suggested next step – when codes are proposed, cross reference with CAP priority (valuable that those involved in creation of new codes are part of the working groups)
 - Metric – at bottom of recommendation sheet consider addin, if you do all these it will result in % reduction of carbon emissions in X years. Lotus could be helpful here. Adopting a policy would result in 100% accomplishment.

- Consider showing if a recommendation is a policy or boots on the ground-project, are they budget related, is staffing required (action step is evaluating capacity if WGs see staffing as a limitation and looking at how to get external funding to help with capacity)
- How do we deal with social economic impacts, equitable distribution of policy over a population? CO Office of Equity and CO Trust may have funding and guidance here. YVSC has submitted a grant with Partners for Places focused on climate equity and will keep the Board apprised. Consider adding equity as part of recommendation format.

Working Group Updates/Requests to the Board

1. Energy - Solar Net Metering technical memorandum
 - Greening of the grid happening by State statute, Xcel committed to low carbon grid
 - YVEA in alignment with carbon reduction goals of the CAP. 45% carbon free today.
 - One of CAP Energy key goals is to pursue beneficial electrification, but construction of that is at a higher cost, how do we reduce those higher costs?

Communication/Outreach

1. Communications updates
 - Board received communications report from CAP/YVSC Communications Associate Julia Hebard.
 - Request for Board and Working Groups to share and follow CAP social media platforms
 - Pilot doing a climate series this fall

Next Meeting

- Friday, April 28, 2023 - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Routt County Commissioners' Hearing Room

Adjournment

Matt moved to adjourn at 11:58 a.m..

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