



Collaborative Board Meeting Minutes

April 28, 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 10:09 a.m. on Friday, April 28, 2023 as a hybrid meeting.

Collaborative voting members in attendance:

- Steamboat Springs: Counselor Garey
- Routt County: Commissioner Macys
- Town of Yampa: Sheila Symons
- Town of Oak Creek: David Torgler
- Community: Steve Johnson
- Community: Tim Wohlgenant
- 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

Counselor Garey moved to approve the March 24, 2023 minutes. Tim W. approved. Sarah seconded. All in favor. No objection. Approved 6-0.

Board Administration Updates

1. Update on City Council Partner Engagement Meeting:
 - Meeting went well. City Council impressed by composition of Working Groups. Continued focus on the need for funding. High School EcoClub student representatives made a compelling case for climate action now and the adoption of all CAP strategies.

2. Discussion on Private Partner Outreach:
 - Now that governmental partner outreach meetings have been done, is it time to do private outreach?
 - Steve suggested a meeting with YVEA to help ensure transitions are in alignment with the CAP
 - Consider focus on top five electricity users to 1) educate private sector on CAP process and forthcoming recommendations to build alignment and understanding, 2) help them recognize their role, 3) identify overlaps, and 4) create awareness of what is coming down the pipeline (e.g., upcoming regulations) and how it might affect their operation
3. 2023 CAP Board Accountability Goals sub-committee meeting updates:
 - Strategy 1 (Ensure adequate funding for the CAP)
 - Explore adding language that could be dedicated to CAP implementation as part of upcoming 2A Accommodation Tax language modification (look at climate tax in Boulder)
 - Look at other mitigation and climate adaptation funding structures in other communities
 - Need for multiple sources of funding
 - Commissioner Macys' funding document to be shared with the Board
 - Strategy 1 subcommittee to meet again before next Board meeting
 - Strategy 3 (Align with other community plans)
 - Make sure plans are aligning with community partners
 - Letter to community planners
 - Include 'offer to advise'
 - Board to review letter and provide comment
 - Community Plan tracker
 - Find alignment with CAP and community plans
 - Timing:
 - Phase 1 - get information out - what is the CAP, goals, Collaborative, ect. before start of budgeting process (include smaller entities in this process)
 - Letter to community planners, CAP newsletter and website, social media
 - Phase 2 - more refined outreach (share recommendations and find overlap with community plans)
 - Prioritize meetings with those developing plans
 - Strategy 4 (Carry out educational programs in support of the CAP)
 - Municipalities have paid communications staff - does Board task this to that staff?
 - Include a place on CAP website to showcase climate commitments made by businesses
 - Chamber can help educate visitors - including CAP newsletter in Monday Minutes

- Analyze the social and actual cost of carbon of all climate action and decarbonization opportunities, and clearly communicate the cost of inaction to residents and visitors.
 - governments adopt a social cost of carbon when they make their capital expenditure decisions (EPA has a number - that would be a good anchor)
 - Strategy 4 accountability group to follow up on research into these numbers
 - Action 4 - Ensure that CAP education and outreach are accessible to diverse populations across the County
 - School districts seem like a big gap
 - Is there a place with our DEI studies to look at climate justice, what else do we need to be doing to ensure we are being inclusive?
 - Important to document equity piece in co-benefits and prioritize
 - Strategy 5 (Public and Private Partner Engagement)
 - This Strategy seems redundant
 - Engaging at the state level seems to be the only new item here - Board to move that somewhere else
 - Next Steps:
 - Identify two high priority goals for each Strategy for the end of 2023
 - Focus where there isn't overlap between the Strategies
 - YVSC to send out sub notes from Accountability conversation
4. Role of Board in CAP implementation
- Need to continue to define/refine those roles
 - Board is the next filter for recommendations before bringing those to the respective governments
 - Board to review current recommendations before next meeting

Working Group Updates/Requests to the Board

1. Debrief on All CAP Working Group session
 - Feedback good, recognition of quality of people on Working Groups, timing is right for climate action, value in connections built between Working Group members, members felt supported and empowered.
 - Next steps: Third party peer reviews
2. CAP Waste Working Group - request for CAP Board to send a letter to City Council and County Commissioners in support of the findings coming out of the Recycling Drop Off Site feasibility study that recommends a county-wide Recycling Drop Off site

- Recommendation is in direct alignment with CAP Waste Strategies 1 and 2, and is a forthcoming CAP Waste Group recommendation
- Letter to circulate to the Board next week for submission
- Counselor Garey moved to agree that a letter be reviewed and sent. Tim W. approved. Sarah seconded. No objections.

Next Meeting

- Friday, May 26, 2023 - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Routt County Commissioners' Hearing Room

Adjournment

Counselor Garey moved to adjourn at 11:59 a.m.. Tim W approved. Sonja seconded.

MINUTES PREPARED, REVIEWED AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: Ashley Dean Approved 26__ Day of May_ 2023_____.