



MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION (“CWC”) BOARD MEETING HELD MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025, AT 4:00 PM. THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM. THE ANCHOR LOCATION WAS MILLCREEK CITY HALL LOCATED AT 1330 EAST CHAMBERS AVENUE, MILLCREEK, UTAH.

Board Members: Mayor Jeff Silvestrini
Christopher F. Robinson
Mayor Dan Knopp
Mayor Mike Weichers
Mayor Monica Zoltanski
Mayor Roger Bourke
Bill Ciraco
Carlton Christensen, Ex-Officio
Annalee Munsey, Ex-Officio

Stakeholders Council: John Knoblock
Ed Marshall

Special Advisors: Amber Broadway

Staff: Lindsey Nielsen, Executive Director
Sam Kilpack, Director of Operations
Mia McNeil, Community Engagement Coordinator
Ben Kilbourne, Communications Director
Shane Topham, CWC Legal Counsel

Others: Jenna Malone
Laura Briefer
Shane Pace

OPENING

1. Chair Jeff Silvestrini will Call the Meeting to Order and Welcome CWC Board Members and the Public.

Chair Jeff Silvestrini called the Central Wasatch Commission (“CWC”) Meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

1 **2. (Action) The Board will Consider Approving the Minutes of the Board Meeting on**
2 **March 3, 2025.**

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4 **MOTION:** Mike Weichers moved to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2025. Dan
5 Knopp seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.
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7 **CLOSED SESSION**
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9 **1. Chair Silvestrini will Invite the Board to Commence a Closed Session for the Purpose**
10 **of Discussing the Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health**
11 **of an Individual, as Authorized by UTAH CODE ANN. 52-4-205(1)(a).**
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13 Chair Silvestrini reported that there is a Closed Session scheduled to discuss two new CWC Staff
14 positions and compensation. The CWC Board is able to discuss these matters in Closed Session.
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16 **MOTION:** Dan Knopp moved to go into CLOSED SESSION for the Purpose of Discussing the
17 Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual, as Authorized
18 by Utah Code Ann. 52-4-205(1)(a). Bill Ciraco seconded the motion. Vote on Motion: Dan
19 Knopp-Aye; Mike Weichers-Aye; Jeff Silvestrini-Aye; Roger Bourke-Aye; Bill Ciraco-Aye;
20 Monica Zoltanski-Aye; Christopher Robinson-Aye. The motion passed with the unanimous
21 consent of the Board.
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23 Chair Silvestrini explained that CWC Staff sent out a link for participants to join the Closed
24 Session.
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26 The CWC Board was in Closed Session from approximately 4:10 PM to 4:40 PM.
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28 **CLOSED SESSION ENDS, BOARD MEETING RECONVENES**
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30 After the end of the Closed Session, the CWC Board Meeting agenda continued. Chair Silvestrini
31 reported that formal action will be taken on CWC Staff later in the agenda, but the CWC Board
32 seems prepared to approve Resolution 2025-11, which relates to Ben Kilbourne and Emory
33 Schwieger.
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35 **EXECUTIVE/BUDGET/AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATES**
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37 **1. Review of Proposed Tentative Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.**
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39 **a. Resolution 2025-08 - Approving the Tentative Budget for 2025-2026.**
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41 Director of Operations, Sam Kilpack, reviewed the proposed Tentative Budget for the 2025-2026
42 Fiscal Year. She noted that there are a few different budget scenarios included in the 2025-2026
43 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget Memo. Chair Silvestrini reported that there has been clarification
44 received from Mayor Monica Zoltanski. The membership contribution for Sandy will be \$60,000.
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1 Ms. Kilpack reviewed the document and noted that the Budget Income is fairly steady. The CWC
2 has recently invited the City of Holladay to join as a new member jurisdiction. High Valley Transit
3 has also been invited to join as an Ex-Officio Member. Both will be contributing members in the
4 upcoming fiscal year. Interest is expected to be similar to or less than the current fiscal year. As
5 for the Appropriations, the request was not fully funded. The request was for \$185,000 and the
6 CWC was awarded \$100,000. The lobbying team has assured the CWC that this was a win in the
7 context of the State budget for the year. However, it still cuts back some of what the organization
8 is able to do.

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10 The Salaries and Benefits section was reviewed. Ms. Kilpack reported that the CWC is about to
11 hire a new full-time Communications Director to replace the part-time Community Engagement
12 Coordinator position that Mia McNeil has been serving in. A temporary part-time Summer Intern
13 is also about to be approved. The intern will conduct research on Conservation Areas and
14 Recreation Areas around the country. This effort will help the CWC with the continued Legislation
15 work. The Professional Services information was reviewed. Ms. Kilpack noted that there might
16 be some increased transcription costs due to the higher number of meetings. In January, a
17 contractor was hired to maintain the CWC website after an outage around the time of the Central
18 Wasatch Symposium promotion. The website management contract is reflected in the Tentative
19 Budget document.

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21 As for Project Expenses, there is a proposal to scale back the four programs that are funded by
22 State appropriations: Short-Term Projects Grant Program, Ski Bus Priority Access Program,
23 Graffiti Abatement, and Central Wasatch Dashboard. Those items were scaled back where
24 possible. There is also a proposal to scale back the Stakeholders Council and CWC Youth Council
25 budgets slightly.

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27 Ms. Kilpack reported that member jurisdictions fund the fixed costs for the CWC and the State
28 appropriations fund the projects. The member jurisdiction contributions have been steady, and in
29 some cases, have decreased over the years. With costs increasing and increased project work, the
30 proportion of the budget that is dedicated to administrative costs has grown in relation to the project
31 work. While costs have increased, the income from member jurisdictions has not increased. The
32 member's income is approximately 70% to 80% of the budget. The memo proposes an increase in
33 member contributions as soon as possible. Inflation over the last six years has been 25%
34 cumulatively, which is more than the anticipated 3% growth per year. If the CWC wants to
35 continue its project work and make a bigger impact, that will require the consideration of larger
36 contributions in the future. There is no reason to expect the State appropriations will be less
37 moving forward, but the organization is exploring other funding options as well to make sure the
38 CWC is sustainable.

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40 There are several budget scenarios included in the memo. Ms. Kilpack reviewed some of the
41 changes to the budget, including scaling the Central Wasatch Dashboard work back slightly. There
42 was originally a plan to budget some money for additional work, such as enhancements and data
43 collection. The budget will fulfill the contract that was signed last year as well as the annual
44 maintenance costs, but there is nothing proposed beyond that. As for the Graffiti Abatement work
45 that is typically funded, it will be rolled into the Short-Term Projects Grant Program budget

1 instead. In the future, Graffiti Busters will need to apply through the Short-Term Projects Grant
2 Program.

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4 Ms. Kilpack reported that the Short-Term Projects Grant Program budget has been scaled back by
5 half due to the amount of appropriation received. That results in \$50,000 as opposed to the
6 \$100,000 that was available during the last Short-Term Projects Grant Program cycle. The Ski
7 Bus Priority Access Program has been scaled back from \$60,000 to \$30,000. Depending on the
8 amount of snow, the budgeted amount may or may not fully cover the costs of that program. She
9 reiterated that the scaled-back items are the result of the changes to CWC Staff and the
10 appropriations received.

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12 Chair Silvestrini asked whether the budget contemplates a contribution from the Fund Balance.
13 Ms. Kilpack confirmed this. The Fund Balance appropriation would be \$166,900. The expected
14 Public Treasurer's Investment Fund ("PTIF") balance at the start of the next fiscal year is
15 approximately \$1 million. At the end of the next fiscal year, if the budget is balanced with the
16 Fund Balance appropriation, it will likely dip a little below what would be expected to be spent in
17 the next fiscal year. The bylaws require there to be one year of operating budget maintained in
18 reserves. She stressed the importance of the organization being able to maintain the operating
19 balance without interruption. One option is to amend the bylaws to allow the CWC to maintain a
20 lower Fund Balance. However, the reason for this rule is to protect the CWC from financial
21 disturbances or uncertainty.

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23 Mayor Zoltanski asked about the Government Relations line items in the Tentative Budget
24 document. Executive Director, Lindsey Nielsen, reported that Lincoln Hill handles the State work.
25 There is no Federal representative currently under contract. Chair Silvestrini explained that the
26 CWC has not paid for a Federal lobbyist in the last few years because there has not been any work
27 for those lobbyists to do. Mayor Zoltanski asked about the \$25,000 line item in the budget. Ms.
28 Nielsen explained that the amount is anticipatory and is there in case funding is needed for work
29 at the Federal level.

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31 Mayor Zoltanski confirmed that Sandy will contribute \$60,000 to the CWC. The City is also a
32 contributor as a member organization of the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy.
33 When the CWC looks at increases, she feels it would make sense to set some objective criteria.
34 She feels there should be additional discussions about the member contributions because she needs
35 to be able to defend the decisions made to her constituents. Mayor Zoltanski suggested the
36 possibility of a \$25,000 or \$30,000 contribution in order to be a voting member of the CWC. It
37 makes sense for there to be a conversation about the member rates for the CWC so there can be
38 clear criteria established.

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40 Ms. Nielsen reported that last year, CWC Staff created a memo with three funding tiers for member
41 jurisdictions. There were ranges established for each of the tiers. What went into the formulation
42 of the three distinct tiers included: tax revenue, geographic location based on the focus of the CWC
43 work, and population size. Mayor Zoltanski mentioned what is done with the Utah League of
44 Cities and Towns ("ULCT") and the different opportunities there are based on the size of the city.
45 Chair Silvestrini is not certain there has ever been an issue where weighted voting would have

1 made a difference with respect to the contributions. He does not want to minimize smaller
2 communities.

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4 Commissioner Bill Ciraco noted that there appear to be two separate discussions happening:
5 whether enough is being collected from member jurisdictions to support the organization and
6 whether the contributions are spread out proportionally and in a way that everyone is satisfied
7 with. The latter seems like a bigger conversation. Commissioner Ciraco agrees with Mayor
8 Zoltanski that it is a conversation worth having, but there are different ways to frame that. For
9 example, the Town of Alta is smaller but has the Alta Ski Area, which is an economic driver. He
10 suggested starting with a conversation about whether the member contributions should increase to
11 address inflation. There can be a second conversation about the issues raised by Mayor Zoltanski.
12 Mayor Zoltanski stated that she is comfortable with the Tentative Budget that has been presented
13 by CWC Staff, but still wants to discuss the member contributions and the outlook moving
14 forward.

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16 Chair Silvestrini asked if there were any objections to adopting the Tentative Budget during the
17 CWC Board Meeting. What is currently proposed is the second version of the budget, which
18 shows the Sandy contribution as \$60,000. Ms. Nielsen explained that the additional budget
19 scenarios in the memo show what an inflation increase at 18% and 25% from member jurisdictions
20 would look like. Chair Silvestrini does not believe it is possible to make a decision on inflationary
21 increases right now.

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23 **2. Closure of CWC Clover Account and Future Use of the Fundraising Platform**
24 **GiveButter.**

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26 **a. Resolution 2025-09 - Amending the CWC's Donation Platform.**

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28 Ms. Nielsen reported that the CWC will move from the Clover contract to the donation platform,
29 GiveButter. The platform will be significantly cheaper and will make it easier to track
30 contributions.

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32 **3. Amendment of CWC Surplus Policy to Allow Staff, with Executive Committee**
33 **Approval, to Make Surplusing Decisions for Items Valued at Less than \$2,500.**

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35 **a. Resolution 2025-07 - Amending the CWC's Bylaws.**

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37 Chair Silvestrini explained that Resolution 2025-07 will amend the CWC Bylaws to allow Staff,
38 with the approval of the Executive Committee (which is the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee
39 of the CWC Board), to make surplus decisions for items that are valued at less than \$2,500.

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41 **4. Potential Addition of New Member Jurisdictions, High Valley Transit, and the City**
42 **of Holladay.**

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44 Chair Silvestrini discussed the potential addition of new member jurisdictions, including High
45 Valley Transit and the City of Holladay. Based on the discussions had so far, there is support for

1 a \$25,000 contribution from the City of Holladay and a \$15,000 contribution from High Valley
2 Transit.

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4 **5. Discussion and Updates on CWCNRA-Related Activities.**

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6 Ms. Nielsen shared information about the Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation
7 Area Act (“CWCNRA”). As directed by the CWC Board during the CWC Board Retreat in
8 November 2024, CWC Staff has been refocused on the CWCNRA. There have been conversations
9 scheduled with the Town of Alta, the Town of Brighton, and the General Managers of the four
10 Cottonwood Canyon ski resorts. Those have all taken place with the exception of Brighton Ski
11 Resort, which is scheduled to take place in two weeks. The conversations have gone well so far
12 and there is a willingness to talk about the Legislation. Ms. Nielsen explained that the next step
13 will involve the resorts meeting collectively. CWC Staff will then devise some future action items.

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15 **MILLCREEK CANYON SHUTTLE DISCUSSION**

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17 **1. Discussion of Funding an Update to the 2012 Fehr & Peers Millcreek Canyon Shuttle**
18 **Feasibility Study.**

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20 **a. Resolution 2025-12 - Approving a Consulting Agreement with Fehr & Peers.**

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22 Chair Silvestrini reported that there have been several discussions about an update to the Fehr &
23 Peers Millcreek Canyon Shuttle Feasibility Study from 2012. Ms. Nielsen suggested that
24 Resolution 2025-12 be tabled until the CWC Board Meeting in June because there is not an agreed-
25 upon contract. The proposed contractor returned the contract late and there has not been a full
26 review of the comments.

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28 **SHORT-TERM PROJECTS UPDATE**

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30 **1. The Short-Term Projects Committee will Discuss their Funding Recommendations**
31 **for the Short-Term Projects Grant Program. Funds will be Disbursed this Fiscal**
32 **Year, and Projects will Take Place over the Coming Fiscal Year.**

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34 **a. Resolution 2025-10 - Approving Short-Term Projects and Associated Funding.**

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36 Ms. Nielsen reported that there was \$100,000 in the current fiscal year budget to disperse to short-
37 term projects through the Short-Term Projects Grant Program. This year, there were some
38 incredible projects proposed for funding. Mayor Mike Weichers acted as the Chair of the Short-
39 Term Projects Committee and Mayor Zoltanski, Mayor Roger Bourke, and Commissioner Annalee
40 Munsey deliberated and created a list of funding recommendations. The Short-Term Projects
41 Funding Memo for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year is included in the Meeting Materials Packet and
42 includes all of the recommendations made. Chair Silvestrini thanked the Short-Term Projects
43 Committee for their work.

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45 Ms. Nielsen explained that there was some uncertainty about the Cottonwood Canyons
46 Foundation. Correspondence was received from the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation on Friday
47 afternoon stating that there was not a need for the funding the Short-Term Projects Committee

1 originally allocated during the Committee Meeting in April. However, there was another email
2 received more recently stating that the funding is still needed. The Short-Term Projects Committee
3 originally decided to allocate \$20,000 to the organization. Based on some back and forth, that
4 funding is still needed.

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6 Mayor Weichers expressed concerns about the recent communications from the Cottonwood
7 Canyons Foundation. He would be in favor of not funding their request given the recent
8 uncertainty. Chair Silvestrini is also concerned about the statement that the funding was not
9 needed. Special Advisor, Amber Broadway sits on the Executive Board of the Cottonwood
10 Canyons Foundation. She encouraged the CWC Board to speak to someone at the foundation
11 before making a decision. There were some concerns that Save Our Canyons and the Cottonwood
12 Canyons Foundation are advocating for the same funds to do the same work. She asked that more
13 outreach be conducted.

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15 Ms. Nielsen explained that there has been communication with the Cottonwood Canyons
16 Foundation. Chair Silvestrini suggested that when a vote is taken on Resolution 2025-10, it be
17 amended to pause the decision on that particular grant. Once there is more clarification, a final
18 decision can be made. Additional discussions were had on the situation with the Cottonwood
19 Canyons Foundation. Advisor Broadway encouraged the CWC Board to fully understand the
20 situation before reaching a funding decision. Her take is that the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation
21 has concerns that Save Our Canyons is advocating for money to do the same work that the
22 Cottonwood Canyons Foundation will do.

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24 Ms. Nielsen explained that the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation had an additional meeting with
25 the Forest Service recently and a decision was made to hire three additional trail crew members.
26 Ms. Kilpack reported that CWC Staff has reviewed the applications and the reporting materials
27 from both Save Our Canyons and the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation. There was no clear
28 indication that funding would result in duplicative efforts. Chair Silvestrini asked whether CWC
29 Staff recommends the short-term projects be funded, as originally recommended. This was
30 confirmed. Ms. Nielsen stated that CWC Staff has done their due diligence on the issue Advisor
31 Broadway raised. There is confidence in the original recommendations that were made by the
32 Short-Term Projects Committee.

33 34 **STAKEHOLDERS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

35 36 **1. Stakeholders Council Chair and Co-Chair, John Knoblock and Tom Diegel, will** 37 **Discuss the Recent Activities of the Stakeholders Council.**

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39 Chair of the Stakeholders Council, John Knoblock, shared updates with the CWC Board. He
40 reported that the Stakeholders Council is still active and meeting regularly. There are Council
41 Members interested in a Land Acquisition Program and work is being done on Baseline Study
42 data. That data collection process ties into the work of the Central Wasatch Dashboard. The
43 Millcreek Canyon Committee is still interested in pursuing an update to the Fehr & Peers study
44 from 2012 and tying that into the Federal Lands Access Program ("FLAP") grant work. The
45 Transportation System Committee has been reviewing the traction control enforcement. There is
46 also interest in moving forward with enhanced buses if that can be separated from the Little

1 Cottonwood Canyon lawsuits. Mr. Knoblock added that there is interest in working with Adam
2 Shaw to provide assistance to the Forest Service.

3 4 **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5 6 **1. CWC Youth Council Updates.**

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8 Ms. McNeil shared information about the CWC Youth Council. Council Members are focused on
9 different projects for the summer, including hikes where there can be some community outreach.
10 The final reports for the funded projects from the Short-Term Projects Grant Program will be
11 completed.

12 13 **2. Departure of Community Engagement Coordinator.**

14 15 **a. Resolution 2025-13 - Expressing Appreciation to Mia McNeil.**

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17 Ms. Nielsen reminded those present that Ms. McNeil will be leaving the CWC Staff, as she recently
18 graduated. This will be the last CWC Board Meeting that Ms. McNeil attends and Resolution
19 2025-13 expresses appreciation to Ms. McNeil for all of her efforts and contributions to the
20 organization.

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22 Chair Silvestrini thanked Ms. McNeil for her work and wished her well in all future endeavors.
23 Mayor Zoltanski also thanked Ms. McNeil and noted that she brought great energy to community
24 events. A lot of enthusiasm and effort was put into the position. Commissioner Christopher
25 Robinson echoed the positive comments. The CWC Board expressed appreciation for her
26 dedication. Ms. Nielsen stated that it has been a treat to work with Ms. McNeil, who started with
27 the CWC as an intern.

28 29 **3. New CWC Communications Director and Summer Research Intern.**

30 31 **a. Resolution 2025-11 - Approving Employment Agreements with Ben Kilbourne** 32 **and Emory Schwieger.**

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34 Chair Silvestrini reported that Resolution 2025-11 relates to Employment Agreements with the
35 new Communications Director and Summer Research Intern. Ms. Nielsen explained that Ben
36 Kilbourne has been recommended for hire by CWC Staff and will come on as the full-time
37 Communications Director. Mr. Kilbourne introduced himself to the CWC Board. He has a degree
38 in Environmental Humanities from the University of Utah and worked in communications at Zion
39 Canyon Mesa. Ms. Nielsen noted that the Summer Research Intern, Emory Schwieger, was not
40 present at the meeting.

41 42 **4. Housekeeping.**

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44 Ms. Kilpack referenced the housekeeping documents for the fiscal year, which include the Conflict
45 Disclosure form and Acknowledgement of Open and Public Meetings. Those who have not
46 submitted those documents received an email earlier in the day. The documents are needed by the

1 end of the fiscal year at the latest. She also has some physical copies at the meeting for those
2 interested.

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4 **5. The Budget Hearing and Next CWC Board Meeting will be on June 23, 2025.**

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6 The next CWC Board Meeting is scheduled to take place on June 23, 2025.

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8 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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10 *Jenna Malone* is a resident of Silver Fork in Big Cottonwood Canyon. She thanked the CWC
11 Board for their service and their dedication. The stated vision on the CWC website reads: “Long-
12 term protection of the Central Wasatch mountains through collaboration and effort between elected
13 officials, stakeholders, and the public.” In the winter, she spends many weeks teaching avalanche
14 courses. Backcountry skiing is inherently risky due to the risk of avalanches. The best way to
15 lower that risk is to ski outside of avalanche terrain. Big Cottonwood Canyon, especially on the
16 north side of SR-190 has some of the best low-angle ski touring in the world. One of the most
17 popular trailheads is across from Solitude Entry 2. She shared information about the area.
18 Ms. Malone recently learned that Solitude Mountain Resort is planning to pave the meadow for a
19 700-space parking lot. The transportation options discussed by the CWC in recent years have
20 focused on how to decrease the number of vehicles in the canyons. Adding 700 more vehicles is
21 likely to increase the existing traffic issues and permanently destroy this popular four-season
22 trailhead. Given the stated vision and mission of the CWC, the organization could consider
23 supporting a study to count the year-round users of this trailhead and determine the impact of
24 hundreds of additional vehicles on this short section of road.

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26 *Ed Marshall* shared a comment about the proposed Millcreek Canyon Shuttle Feasibility Study
27 update. Even though there were discussions about tabling the item, he believes his comments are
28 relevant ahead of the contract finalization. If the CWC Board approves an update to the study, it
29 is important to understand the actual issues in Millcreek Canyon. Mr. Marshall explained that he
30 has been a member of the Stakeholders Council since its inception and previously served as the
31 Chair of the Millcreek Canyon Committee. He still serves on the Millcreek Canyon Committee.
32 His spouse, Margo Provost, is the principal owner of Log Haven restaurant, which they live across
33 from.

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35 Mr. Marshall explained that the volume of traffic is not a problem in Millcreek Canyon, though it
36 is in Big Cottonwood Canyon and Little Cottonwood Canyon. A red snake in Millcreek Canyon
37 is essentially four vehicles going the speed limit. The volume of traffic is now down to pre-COVID
38 levels. The real issue is that the Forest Service does not have enough parking. There is no overflow
39 parking available to handle parking demand during peak hours. That is an issue a shuttle could
40 solve. It could also be solved in other ways, such as better communication to let visitors know
41 when the parking lots are busy. Mr. Marshall listed several issues related to a shuttle: identifying
42 sufficient parking in the valley, the start-up costs, the operating costs, the lack of infrastructure the
43 Forest Service feels it has for shuttle stops, the environmental impacts at shuttle stops, the
44 reduction in Forest Service revenue from the fee booth, and the hours of operation for a shuttle.
45 These are all important issues that should be considered in the updated Millcreek Canyon Shuttle

1 Feasibility Study. As for restricting access to Millcreek Road, that would severely impact Log
2 Haven, Boy Scouts, and others.

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4 There is support for a voluntary shuttle for National Forest Service users provided it is done
5 correctly. Mr. Marshall stated that he would strongly oppose a study that discusses restricted
6 access to Millcreek Road. He thanked the CWC Board for their time and noted that a letter was
7 also submitted.

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9 There were no additional comments.

10 11 **COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

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13 Mayor Bourke reported that he had a discussion with Ms. Nielsen a week ago about Alta and the
14 CWC. At that time, she asked what would keep Alta with the CWC in the future and he expressed
15 a desire for the CWC to speak out against the gondola proposed in Little Cottonwood Canyon. He
16 pointed out that the cost of the gondola is approximately \$1 billion and will not solve the existing
17 problems. Additionally, with climate change, flexible solutions are needed rather than fixed
18 infrastructure. There is uncertainty about what the future will look like, so flexibility is essential.

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20 Commissioner Ciraco noted that he has reached out to Ms. Nielsen over the last few months with
21 some questions about the mission and purpose of the organization. She directed him back to the
22 Mountain Accord. Commissioner Ciraco reported that Park City contributes \$25,000 to the CWC
23 for the member contribution and Summit County contributes \$25,000. High Valley Transit is now
24 coming on board as an Ex-Officio Member with a contribution of \$15,000. He referenced the
25 conversations relevant to the Wasatch Back. Commissioner Ciraco next read Section 3.11 – Big
26 Cottonwood to Park City in the Mountain Accord, which includes the following language:

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28 • The signers of this Accord agree to further study the economic, transportation, community,
29 and environmental detriments, benefits, and impacts (both positive and negative) of a wide
30 range of non-auto-based options to connect Park City with Big Cottonwood Canyon. The
31 study will include an analysis of carrying capacity for the broader Park City Community.

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33 Commissioner Ciraco agrees with Mayor Bourke that there is some uncertainty about what the
34 future will look like. However, something needs to be done. It is necessary to change the way
35 people think about accessing the area. He would love to have some of these difficult transportation
36 conversations. There was an article that was released recently that stated Los Angeles is asking
37 the Federal Government for \$3.2 billion to help facilitate a car-free Olympic Games. In 2034, the
38 Olympic Games will be held in Utah. He believes jurisdictions have had private conversations
39 with State leaders, but feels the CWC should start having transportation conversations as well.
40 Commissioner Ciraco stated that he will send an email to the CWC Board in the future, as he feels
41 there are some opportunities.

1 **ACTION ITEMS**

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3 **1. (Action) Consideration of Resolution 2025-07 - Amending the CWC's Bylaws.**

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5 Ms. Nielsen reminded the CWC Board that Resolution 2025-07 is specific to the surplus policy.
6 The addition of two new member jurisdictions will be presented to the CWC Board at the meeting
7 in June 2025. It will be presented as an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement rather than the
8 CWC Bylaws.
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10 **MOTION:** Christopher Robinson moved to APPROVE Resolution 2025-07 – Amending the
11 CWC's Bylaws. Dan Knopp seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent
12 of the Board.
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14 **2. (Action) Consideration of Resolution 2025-08 - Approving the Tentative Budget for**
15 **2025-2026.**

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17 **MOTION:** Dan Knopp moved to APPROVE Resolution 2025-08 – Approving the Tentative
18 Budget for 2025-2026. Bill Ciraco seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous
19 consent of the Board.
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21 **3. (Action) Consideration of Resolution 2025-09 - Amending the CWC's Donation**
22 **Platform.**

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24 **MOTION:** Dan Knopp moved to APPROVE Resolution 2025-09 – Amending the CWC's
25 Donation Platform. Mike Weichers seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous
26 consent of the Board.
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28 **4. (Action) Consideration of Resolution 2025-10 - Approving Short-Term Projects and**
29 **Associated Funding.**

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31 **MOTION:** Monica Zoltanski moved to APPROVE Resolution 2025-10 – Approving Short-Term
32 Projects and Associated Funding. Mike Weichers seconded the motion. The motion passed with
33 the unanimous consent of the Board.
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35 **5. (Action) Consideration of Resolution 2025-11 - Approving Employment Agreements**
36 **with Ben Kilbourne and Emory Schwieger.**

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38 **MOTION:** Dan Knopp moved to APPROVE Resolution 2025-11 – Approving Employment
39 Agreements with Ben Kilbourne and Emory Schwieger. Bill Ciraco seconded the motion. The
40 motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.
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42 **6. (Action) Consideration of Resolution 2025-12 - Approving a Consulting Agreement**
43 **with Fehr and Peers.**

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45 Chair Silvestrini noted that there was an earlier discussion about tabling Resolution 2025-12.
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1 **7. (Action) Consideration of Resolution 2025-13 - Expressing Appreciation to Mia**
2 **McNeil.**

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4 Chair Silvestrini read portions of Resolution 2025-13 – Expressing Appreciation to Mia McNeil
5 into the record. In September 2023, Ms. McNeil was selected to serve as the Community
6 Engagement Coordinator for the CWC. She was charged with assisting the Executive Director
7 and Director of Operations in furthering the overarching goals and purposes determined by the
8 CWC Board. A variety of communication outreach coordination was performed as well as other
9 administrative services. Ms. McNeil worked diligently and produced excellent work while
10 exhibiting intelligence, innovation, patience, and good humor. She has given generously of her
11 time, energy, and talents. The CWC Board and CWC Staff expressed their appreciation and
12 wished her well in the future.

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14 **MOTION:** Christopher Robinson moved to APPROVE Resolution 2025-13 – Expressing
15 Appreciation to Mia McNeil. Dan Knopp seconded the motion. The motion passed with the
16 unanimous consent of the Board.

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18 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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20 There was no additional business.

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22 **CLOSING**

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24 **1. Chair Silvestrini will Call for a Motion to Adjourn the Board Meeting.**

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26 The CWC Board Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

1 *I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Central*
2 *Wasatch Commission Board Meeting held on Monday, May 5, 2025.*
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7 Minutes Secretary

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9 Minutes Approved: _____