

**MINUTES
R6 REGIONAL COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

DATE: September 3, 2025
PLACE: 82 E 600 N, Richfield
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDING:

Executive Board

Commissioner Scott Bartholomew	Mayor Chuck Bigelow
Commissioner Roger Brian	Mayor Bill Davis
Commissioner Clinton Painter	Mayor Noreen Johnson
Commissioner Sam Steed	Mayor Johnny Parsons
	Mayor Justin Seely

Staff

Abby Ivory
Brock Jackson
Doug Kirkham
Shaun Kjar
Travis Kyhl
Pam Morrison
Shay Morrison
Cade Penney
Jess Peterson
Amy Rosquist
JaLyne Roundy
Tyler Timmons

Congressional Staff

Jeff Raisor
Holly Sweeten
Gary Webster

Other

Robyn Davis
Thomas Peterson
Brad Potter
Carly Lansche
Trent Wilde
Margay Witzdam

Welcome/ Meeting Called to Order

Commissioner Scott Bartholomew welcomed all and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes- Commissioner Roger Brian made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2025 Executive Board Meeting. Commissioner Sam Steed seconded the motion. Motion approved.

R6 Programs, Ongoing Projects & Reports

Monroe Canyon Fire Update- Mr. Thomas Peterson, Area Manager for Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, reported that the fire is now 97 percent contained. He noted that crews are still addressing hot spots within the burned areas. While some areas have reopened to the public, there are still risks to be aware of. He also mentioned that there is a logging meeting scheduled for today, with current efforts centered on repair and recovery. He addressed a circulating rumor that crews intentionally allowed the fire to burn, clarifying that every effort was made to contain it. He emphasized there is no truth to the rumor and that nothing more could have been done.

Action: No action needed

Local Homeless Council- Ms. Margay Witzdam provided an overview of the duties of the Utah Homeless Services Board and the Utah Homeless Network. She highlighted the importance of cohesive collaboration on effective strategies, the role of members and partners, and ways communities can contribute.

Action: No action needed

SE Group/Outdoor Rec Plan- Mr. Brock Jackson introduced Mr. Brad Potter and Ms. Carly Lansche to present on the Utah Central Region Recreation Master Plan. Ms. Lansche emphasized that the process should be locally led, with the region identifying its own needs. Mr. Potter outlined the purpose of the project, which is to enhance quality of life, create jobs, and encourage stewardship of the land. They noted that planning will improve accessibility and shared a project timeline.

Action: No action needed

Financial Update- Ms. JaLyne Roundy presented an overview of the agency's financial status, highlighting key points from the combined financial report. Board members reviewed the information, and no concerns were raised. Commissioner Sam Steed made a motion to accept the financial report. Mayor Chuck Bigelow seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Action: No action needed

Economic Development Update

Region- Ms. Abby Ivory began her report with an update on Sanpete County. She noted that the opening of Snowland was well attended. She also highlighted efforts to attract businesses to the county through the creation of short promotional videos ranging from 30 seconds to five minutes. In Wayne County, she reported progress on establishing a state-licensed day care center, a project supported through the Rural County Grant. In Millard County, there have been inquiries from data centers, and FERVO Energy is moving forward with its project. She also mentioned a project in Piute County focused on developing social media promotional videos for businesses to showcase activities available to visitors.

Juab County - Mr. Brent Boswell thanked Mr. Kyhl for facilitating a meeting with SITLA, noting the value of increased collaboration. He reported that Owens Corning has furloughed 80 employees, many of whom held high-paying jobs, largely due to the impact of high mortgage interest rates. He also mentioned that several data centers are exploring opportunities in the area. In addition, Ash Grove is building manufacturing pods and anticipates creating many new jobs.

Central Utah Agri-Park- Mr. Shaun Kjar reminded the group that the project involves developing an agricultural-focused industrial park with shovel-ready sites, with the goal of attracting processors to the area. He encouraged board members to continue engaging with local farmers to understand their needs and why they are currently sending products out of the area for processing.

Action: No action needed

Congressional/State Reports

Senator Lee- Mr. Gary Webster reported on Senator Lee's activity. For information on Senator Lee, please refer to his website at *lee.senate.gov*.

Representative Maloy- No representation. For information on Representative Maloy, please refer to her website at *maloy.house.gov*.

Senator Curtis- Mr. Jeff Raisor reported on Senator Curtis's activity. For information on Representative Curtis, please refer to his website at *curtis.house.gov*.

Representative Owens- Ms. Holly Sweeten reported on Representative Owens's activity. For information on Representative Owens, please refer to his website at *owens.house.gov*.

State/Federal Agency Reports

GOEO- Mr. Forest Turner, representing the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO), noted that it is currently grant season. The Rural County Grant application cycle has closed, while the Economic Assistance Grant for employers remains open until September 15. He added that the Rural County Opportunity Grant will open on September 15, but funding has been reduced, making the program more competitive.

USU- Mr. Jody Gale, representing USU Extension, informed the group that he is beginning a phased retirement. He introduced Mr. Trent Wilde and noted that members may reach out to either Mr. Wilde or Mr. Ethan Gilliam as needed. Mr. Kyhl expressed appreciation for Mr. Gale's many years of dedicated service.

Snow College- Ms. Heidi Stringham shared that she is taking over for Derrin Owens. She reported on a new electrician program in Juab, Millard, and Sanpete counties, noting that they are seeking partnerships with electrical companies. She also invited community members to attend an upcoming scholarship benefit dinner.

Action: No action requested by congressional or state representatives.

Clearinghouse Review- Commissioner Clinton Painter made a motion to approve the clearinghouse review. Mayor Justin Seely seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Adjourn 11:00 a.m.