

R6 Regional Council - Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 5, 2025
82 East 600 North, Richfield UT 84701

9:05 AM	Welcome/Meeting Called to Order	Commissioner Bartholomew	_____
	1. Opening Remarks		_____
	2. Pledge of Allegiance		_____
	3. Minutes Approved		_____
	-Executive Board Meeting 09.03.25		
	4. Clearinghouse Review		_____
	5. FYI	Travis Kyhl	_____
9:10	R6 Programs, Ongoing Projects & Reports		
	1. CIB Application Reviews	Community Advisors	_____
	2. Seven County Infrastructure Coalition Update	Keith Heaton	_____
	3. R6 Recognition Banquet	Travis Kyhl	_____
	4. Open and Public Meetings Training	JaLyne Roundy	_____
	5. Other	Commissioner Bartholomew	_____
9:45	Public Lands Update		_____
	-USFS - BLM - PLPCO - DWR	Representatives	_____
	Economic Development District		_____
	County Updates		_____
10:15	Congressional/State Reports		_____
	Senator Lee	Gary Webster	_____
	Senator Curtis	Jeff Raisor	_____
	Rep. Owens	Holly Sweeten	_____
	Rep. Maloy	Bruce Summers/Evelyn Warnick	_____
	State Agencies - Time Permitting	Representatives	_____
10:35	R6 Program Updates	Staff	_____
10:50	Adjourn		_____

According to the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, the board may enter a closed session at any time

**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
Commissioner Roger Brian
Commissioner Clinton Painter
Commissioner Sam Steed

Mayor Chuck Bigelow
Mayor Bill Davis
Mayor Noreen Johnson
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.

Permanent Community Impact Fund Board Application
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW

APPLICANT Gunnison City		PROJECT TITLE Gunnison Tarr Canyon Well		
DATE OF REVIEW Nov 3, 2025	TRIMESTER APPLYING October	PROJECT ON 1 YEAR CIB APPLICATION LIST? YES	CAPITAL ASSET INVENTORY ON FILE WITH THE AOG? YES	
AOG R6 Regional Council	APPLICANT COUNTY Sanpete	PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING HELD PRIOR TO AOG REVIEW?* NO	IS THIS A PLANNING PROJECT? NO	
CIB REQUEST \$6,900,000.00	GRANT AMT \$6,900,000	PROJECT CONSISTENT WITH LOCAL AND REGIONAL PLANS? YES	LOCAL YES	REGIONAL YES
LOAN AMT n/a	LOAN TERMS n/a	DOES THIS PROJECT ADDRESS AN IDENTIFIED NEED FROM THE CAPITAL ASSET INVENTORY? YES	DOES THIS PROJECT ADDRESS AN IDENTIFIED TOP PRIORITY FROM THE CAPITAL ASSET INVENTORY? YES	

PROJECT DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK Description of what will be purchased with CIB funding.

Gunnison City seeks CIB funding to complete the Tarr Canyon Well Project, which will provide a reliable secondary culinary water source for residents and the Central Utah Correctional Facility. The project includes extending approximately 21,400 feet each of 16-inch and 12-inch transmission lines to connect the new well to city storage tanks, installing valves, trenchless crossings, and restoring road and surface areas. It also includes constructing a new well house, adding plumbing, electrical systems, a DDW-required backup generator, pump, controls, SCADA, and related improvements to make the well fully operational and compliant with state drinking water standards.

WHAT IS THIS PROJECT'S INTENDED PURPOSE TO THE COMMUNITY? How does this project help the community?

The purpose of this project is to provide Gunnison City and the Central Utah Correctional Facility with a safe, reliable, and long-term culinary water source. Currently, Gunnison depends heavily on a single well that supplies most of its drinking water, putting the community at risk if that source fails. Completing the Tarr Canyon Well Project will increase water supply capacity, improve system redundancy, and ensure adequate water for residents, businesses, and CUCF. This project strengthens community resilience, supports future growth, and protects public health and safety by securing a consistent and compliant water source for decades to come.

HOW DOES THIS PROJECT FULFILL CIB'S MANDATE TO USE ITS LIMITED FUNDS TO "RESULT IN THE GREATEST USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER OF CITIZENS OF THIS STATE"?

This project fulfills CIB's mandate by providing critical water infrastructure that benefits a large regional population and supports both municipal and state facilities. The new Tarr Canyon Well will directly serve over 3,500 residents and nearly 1,800 inmates and staff at the Central Utah Correctional Facility, ensuring a secure and reliable water source for daily use, emergencies, and future growth. By investing in this project, CIB's funds will protect public health, reduce risk of system failure, and strengthen regional resilience, maximizing the use of limited financial resources for the greatest number of citizens in Sanpete County and the State of Utah.

AOG RECOMMENDATION

THE ABOVE-NAMED AOG GOVERNING BODY REVIEWED THIS PROJECT ON THE DATE INDICATED AND VOTED TO:

Scott Bartholomew

REVIEWED BY

SUPORT THE PROJECT

R6 Executive Board Chair

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Permanent Community Impact Fund Board Application
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW

APPLICANT Mt. Pleasant City		PROJECT TITLE Roadway and Drainage Improvements		
DATE OF REVIEW Nov 3, 2025	TRIMESTER APPLYING October	PROJECT ON 1 YEAR CIB APPLICATION LIST? YES	CAPITAL ASSET INVENTORY ON FILE WITH THE AOG? YES	
AOG R6 Regional Council	APPLICANT COUNTY Sanpete	PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING HELD PRIOR TO AOG REVIEW?* NO	IS THIS A PLANNING PROJECT? NO	
CIB REQUEST \$6,100,000.00	GRANT AMT \$3,660,000	PROJECT CONSISTENT WITH LOCAL AND REGIONAL PLANS? YES	LOCAL YES	REGIONAL YES
LOAN AMT \$2,440,000	LOAN TERMS .5% for 7 years	DOES THIS PROJECT ADDRESS AN IDENTIFIED NEED FROM THE CAPITAL ASSET INVENTORY? YES	DOES THIS PROJECT ADDRESS AN IDENTIFIED TOP PRIORITY FROM THE CAPITAL ASSET INVENTORY? YES	

PROJECT DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK Description of what will be purchased with CIB funding.

Mt. Pleasant City seeks CIB funding to implement priority roadway and drainage improvements identified in the City's recently completed Transportation Plan and Pavement Management Plan (PMP). These improvements will focus on preserving and extending the life of existing roadway infrastructure through targeted maintenance, rehabilitation, and reconstruction projects.

WHAT IS THIS PROJECT'S INTENDED PURPOSE TO THE COMMUNITY? How does this project help the community?

Because of the limited amount of road funds, the city has been constrained to defer essential maintenance on the existing roads and to take care of the most critical needs. As a result, the city has come to the hard realization that to preserve the roads that still have some remaining service life (RSL). This project will allow Mt. Pleasant City to complete necessary road maintenance and stay on schedule with our road maintenance.

HOW DOES THIS PROJECT FULFILL CIB'S MANDATE TO USE ITS LIMITED FUNDS TO "RESULT IN THE GREATEST USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER OF CITIZENS OF THIS STATE"?

This project directly fulfills CIB's mandate to ensure "the greatest use of financial resources for the greatest number of citizens of this state" by investing in essential public infrastructure that benefits all residents and visitors of Mt. Pleasant City. The roadway network is a vital asset serving the entire community—supporting local businesses, agriculture, emergency services, schools, and daily travel for approximately 4,040 residents as well as regional traffic through the Northern Sanpete Valley.

AOG RECOMMENDATION

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Scott Bartholomew

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Permanent Community Impact Fund Board Application
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW

APPLICANT Leamington Town		PROJECT TITLE Water System Improvements		
DATE OF REVIEW 11/3/2025	TRIMESTER APPLYING October 2025	PROJECT ON 1 YEAR CIB APPLICATION LIST? YES	CAPITAL ASSET INVENTORY ON FILE WITH THE AOG? YES	
AOG R6 Regional Council	APPLICANT COUNTY Millard County	PROJECT PUBLIC HEARING HELD PRIOR TO AOG REVIEW?* YES	IS THIS A PLANNING PROJECT? NO	
CIB REQUEST \$1,906,000	GRANT AMT \$1,906,000	PROJECT CONSISTENT WITH LOCAL AND REGIONAL PLANS? YES	LOCAL YES	REGIONAL YES
LOAN AMT N/A	LOAN TERMS N/A	DOES THIS PROJECT ADDRESS AN IDENTIFIED NEED FROM THE CAPITAL ASSET INVENTORY? YES	DOES THIS PROJECT ADDRESS AN IDENTIFIED TOP PRIORITY FROM THE CAPITAL ASSET INVENTORY? YES	

PROJECT DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK Description of what will be purchased with CIB funding.

Leamington Town proposes to drill a new backup well with the accompanying well house, power lines, and all piping and control systems necessary to connect to the current system, and replace the remaining 37 analog water meters with digital meters.

WHAT IS THIS PROJECT'S INTENDED PURPOSE TO THE COMMUNITY? How does this project help the community?

Due to the ongoing drought conditions the natural springs are yielding significantly less water. Consequently, the town's well must now be activated in the spring rather than in late summer, yet because of the continued deterioration of the well, its current production capacity remains insufficient to meet overall community demand. To preserve system pressure for all residents, one large commercial customer has already been disconnected. Any further decline in the well's performance would have severe consequences for the town, potentially forcing strict water rationing to sustain even basic household needs. A fully functional backup well will ensure that the town can maintain adequate pressure to meet the demand of the community.

HOW DOES THIS PROJECT FULFILL CIB'S MANDATE TO USE ITS LIMITED FUNDS TO "RESULT IN THE GREATEST USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER OF CITIZENS OF THIS STATE"?

The Leamington Town Water System Improvements Project aligns with the Community Impact Board's (CIB) mandate by ensuring that these limited financial resources are used to achieve the greatest benefit to the greatest number of citizens. By drilling a backup well and connecting it to the existing supply system, the project will ensure a reliable and consistent water supply to all residents, which is a fundamental need. Replacing the analog water meters with digital units will reduce maintenance costs and minimize water loss, leading to long-term financial savings and resource conservation. Collectively, these improvements address critical infrastructure needs and enhance service reliability, thereby fulfilling the CIB's objective of maximizing the effectiveness and impact of public funds.

AOG RECOMMENDATION

THE ABOVE-NAMED AOG GOVERNING BODY REVIEWED THIS PROJECT ON THE DATE INDICATED AND VOTED TO:

Scott Bartholomew

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SUPORT THE PROJECT

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