

**MINUTES  
R6 REGIONAL COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**DATE:** November 5, 2025  
**PLACE:** 82 E 600 N, Richfield  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

**ATTENDING:**

**Executive Board**

Commissioner Scott Bartholomew  
 Commissioner Roger Brian  
 Commissioner Greg Jensen  
 Commissioner Trevor Johnson  
 Commissioner Clinton Painter  
 Commissioner Sam Steed

Mayor Chuck Bigelow  
 Mayor Noreen Johnson  
 Mayor Johnny Parsons  
 Mayor Justin Seely

**Staff**

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, remote

**Other**

Brian Barton  
 Mike Elson  
 Jody Gale  
 Ethan Gilliam  
 Keith Heaton  
 Sylvia Miller  
 Forest Turner  
 Kevin Wright

**Welcome/ Meeting Called to Order**

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

*Approval of Minutes-* Commissioner Greg Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2025 Executive Board Meeting. Commissioner Clinton Painter seconded the motion. Motion approved.

*FYI-* Mr. Travis Kyhl reported that, based on the results of yesterday's elections, at least 25 mayors in the region will be replaced. He reminded the board that the Community Advisors are available to assist with the transition.

**R6 Programs, Ongoing Projects & Reports**

*CIB Application Reviews-* Mr. Tyler Timmons told the board members that the CIB applications were included in their packets so they can follow along. He explained that CIB requires the Executive Board to review all applications for projects in the region and vote supportive of the project, non-supportive of the project, or neutral. Each community advisor explained the projects in their respective counties.

Three applications were reviewed by the board:

Gunnison City	Gunnison Tarr Canyon Well
Mt. Pleasant City	Roadway and Drainage Improvements
Leamington Town	Water System Improvements

Commissioner Clinton Painter made a motion to support all the applications as presented. Mayor Justin Seely seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Action:** No action needed

Seven County Infrastructure Coalition Update- Mr. Keith Heaton and Mr. Brian Barton provided updates on several ongoing projects, including efforts related to a deep-water port for transferring coal to Asian markets. Mr. Heaton explained recent decisions associated with the project and also reported on the Supreme Court's ruling regarding the Uintah Basin Railway. The board held a discussion on protecting rural county rights.

**Action:** No action needed

R6 Recognition Banquet- Mr. Kyhl informed the board that the Annual Recognition Banquet is scheduled for December 3 and will be held at the R6 building. He asked each county to submit their selection for the "Business of the Year" award as soon as possible. He also asked for feedback on presenting the Community Impact Board with a Regional Recognition Award, and the board expressed support for the idea.

**Action:** No action needed

Open and Public Meetings Training- Ms. JaLyne Roundy reminded the board of the annual requirement to review the Open and Public Meetings Act, and the group watched the training video together.

**Action:** No action needed

### **Public Lands Update**

Fishlake- Mr. Mike Elson, representing Fishlake National Forest, reported on activities during the government shutdown. He noted that some funding has been halted, certain permits continue to be issued, and some employees remain on duty. He also provided an update on the Monroe Mountain Fire recovery efforts and stated that grazing plans have been shared with permittees.

Dixie - Mr. Kevin Wright, representing Dixie National Forest, reported on a few active prescribed fires and provided updates on several ongoing timber sales. Commissioner Jensen publicly thanked the leadership of both Dixie and Fishlake National Forests for their efforts during and after the fire.

PLPCO - Ms. Sylvia Miller provided an update on ongoing litigation. She reported that PLPCO is working with the BLM to update Travel Management Plans and is also involved in efforts to develop strategies to reduce traffic and congestion at national parks.

### **Economic Development Update**

County- Commissioner Roger Brian, Wayne County, reported that the county is moving forward with the grant for a business park. Piute County Commissioner Sam Steed noted that several items are in progress, and highlighted that Piute County has been in communication with the Governor's Office regarding the possibility of a small nuclear plant.

Central Utah Agri-Park- Mr. Shaun Kjar noted ongoing steps with Nephi City regarding annexation and the creation of a new project area with UIPA. He added that additional information about the Master Plan will be provided later in the Agri-Park meeting.

**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](http://lee.senate.gov).

Representative Maloy- No representation. For information on Representative Maloy, please refer to her website at [maloy.house.gov](http://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](http://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](http://owens.house.gov).

### **State/Federal Agency Reports**

GOEO- Mr. Forest Turner, representing the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO) reported that the application deadline for the Economic Assistance Grant has closed, with a large number of applications submitted statewide. He noted that the Rural County Opportunity Grant has also closed, while the REDI Grant for employers remains open. He added that the agency is currently searching for a deputy director.

USU- Mr. Jody Gale, representing USU Extension, reported that the Monroe Mountain Tour was held last week, during which participants viewed fire damage in areas that had been previously treated versus untreated areas; the untreated areas showed significantly greater damage. He also noted that weather conditions in the region remain very dry.

**Action:** No action requested by congressional or state representatives.

R6 Program Updates- Mr. Doug Kirkham, Aging Services Director, reported that the State of Utah is covering the Older Americans Act during the federal shutdown, though some programs are still affected. Ms. Pam Morrison, HCAP Department Director, stated that all employees are still working. She noted that HEAT has been shut down, but the state reopened the program on November 1, and they hope to begin taking applications soon.

**Action:** No action needed

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

**Adjourn 10:36 a.m.**