MINUTES
R6 REGIONAL COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

DATE: **September 2, 2026**
PLACE: **82 E 600 N, Richfield**
TIME: **9:00 a.m.**

ATTENDING:

Executive Board

Commissioner Scott Bartholomew
Commissioner Roger Brian
Commissioner Trevor Johnson
Commissioner Clinton Painter
Commissioner Sam Steed
Mayor Noreen Johnson
Mayor Johnny Parsons
Mayor Justin Seely
Councilman Nate Taylor, Zoom

Staff

KerrieLynn Beard
Jill Fullmer
Brock Jackson
Shaun Kjar
Travis Kyhl
Cade Penney
Jess Peterson
Amy Rosquist
JaLyne Roundy

Congressional Staff

HD Sanderson
Bruce Summers
Holly Sweeten
Gary Webster

Other

Brian Barton
Colette Cox, Zoom
Mike Elson
Kristie Ferronato, Zoom
Allen Hart
Dax Mangus
Stacee McIff
Glade Nielson
Calline New, Zoom
Jay Olsen
Jesse Ralphs
Heidi Stringham
Trent Wilde
Josh Winkler
Jason Youngdell

Welcome/ Meeting Called to Order

Commissioner Clinton Painter welcomed all and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes- Commissioner Scott Bartholomew made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2026 Executive Board Meeting. Mayor Johnny Parsons seconded the motion. Motion approved.

FYI- Mr. Travis Kyhl informed the board that Mr. Jess Peterson had been appointed Community Advisor Program Manager and provided an update on advisor changes in a few municipalities.

R6 Programs, Ongoing Projects & Reports

Snow College Update- President Stacee McIff thanked R6 for its valuable partnership with Snow College. She discussed the college's outreach efforts to high school seniors, including informing students of available scholarship opportunities and emphasizing workforce training. Mr. Jay Olsen added that Snow College focuses on developing the skills needed by local industries while supporting student

success and economic growth. They also discussed workforce development programs, including wage reimbursement opportunities and scholarship details. President McIff further reported that Snow College is seeking a change to its mission to allow the college to offer additional bachelor's degree programs.

Action: No action needed

Central Utah Outdoor Recreation Plan- Ms. Emily Meadows updated the board on the Central Utah Outdoor Recreation Plan. She reviewed key components of the plan, including identified projects and regional priorities, and explained the process used to develop the plan.

Action: No action needed

Financial Report- Ms. JaLyne Roundy directed board members to turn their attention to the financial statement provided to them. She gave an update on the agency's financial situation at this point in the fiscal year. Commissioner Scott Bartholomew made a motion to approve the financial report. Mayor Justin Seely seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Action: No action needed

CIB Review Policy- Mr. Travis Kyhl informed the board that the Community Impact Board (CIB) had changed its application process. To accommodate the shorter turnaround time, he proposed that Community Advisors email applications directly to board members for review. No objections were raised.

Action: No action needed

Program Highlights- Ms. Jill Fullmer, R6 Aging Department, provided an overview of the Home and Community-Based Alternatives program, which offers in-home services to eligible Utah residents with the goal of preventing premature or unnecessary placement in nursing homes.

Action: No action needed

Central Utah Agri-Park

Master Plan Presentation- Mr. Shaun Kjar displayed a QR code providing access to the online plan. Mr. Jesse Ralphs discussed the collaborative process used to develop the plan and explained how it serves as a resource for interested parties. He demonstrated key features of the online plan and showed board members how to navigate the site to locate relevant information.

Action: No action needed

RFQ for Next Steps- Mr. Shaun Kjar explained that as the Agri-Park moves forward, additional services will be needed, and the board must identify qualified firms, assess their capabilities, and determine associated costs. These services may include expertise in long-term leasing and assisting businesses with locating at the Agri-Park. He requested a motion authorizing the Agri-Park Executive Committee to finalize the Request for Qualifications (RFQ), evaluate and score submitted proposals based on established criteria, and select a firm based on the scoring results. Commissioner Roger Brian made a motion to authorize the Agri-Park Executive Committee to finalize the RFQ, evaluate and score

proposals based on the established criteria, and select a firm based on the scoring results. Commissioner Trevor Johnson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Action: No action needed

General Update- Mr. Shaun Kjar reported that work is progressing with Nephi City on the Agri-Park annexation process. He also noted that efforts are underway to include the project on the Transportation Improvement Plan, which would allow the Agri-Park to apply for Community Project Funding next March. This funding could provide additional federal resources to improve access to the park. Mr. Kjar indicated that the project continues to move forward.

Action: No action needed

Public Lands Update

Dixie National Forest- Mr. Kevin Wright, Dixie National Forest Supervisor, provided an update on current Forest Service activities. He reported that fire restrictions had been lifted and discussed upcoming timber sales. He also provided an update on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Brian Head Ski Resort expansion project and noted that two public open houses would be held to gather input on the proposal.

Fishlake National Forest- Mr. Mike Elson, Forest Supervisor, reported that fire restrictions ended on September 4 following an especially busy fire season. He discussed the significant impacts of the fires on ranchers, loggers, recreation, and infrastructure. He noted that funding is anticipated for the Widemouth 2 fire recovery efforts. He also shared that many ranchers are transitioning to the use of electronic collars for cattle management and provided an update on a new campground near Capitol Reef National Park.

DWR- Mr. Dax Mangus, DWR Regional Supervisor, discussed the department's proactive efforts to address deer depredation and its aggressive approach to predator control. He also provided updates on habitat improvement projects, wildlife water guzzlers, and post-fire restoration efforts.

BLM- Assistant Field Manager Josh Winkler provided an update on uranium exploration activities by Bullfrog and east of Marysvale. He also clarified that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) does not collect data from cattle equipped with electronic collars.

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- Mr. Bruce Summers reported on Representative Maloy's activity. For information on Representative Maloy, please refer to her website at *maloy.house.gov.*

Senator Curtis- Mr. HD Sanderson 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

DWS- Mr. Jason Youngdell, Supervisor, provided an update on the new building under construction and discussed efforts to recruit youth for the organization's programs. He also encouraged local businesses to participate in on-the-job training opportunities

GOED- Ms. Colette Cox, Rural Economic Development Director, reported that the Rural Communities Opportunity Grant application deadline is October 30 and encouraged interested communities to reach out for more information. She also noted that the Economic Assistance Grant (EAG) is currently open for applications.

Action: No action requested by congressional or state representatives.

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

Adjourn 10:15 a.m.