



MINUTES
AGNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS & MEMBER MEETING
June 17, 2026
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Clifton Community Campus, 3270 D-1/2 Road, Clifton, CO 81520
In Person Only

Call to order – Chairman Cody Davis called the meeting to order at 1:10pm. Introductions were made.

Pledge of allegiance

Approval of minutes – Mike Samson made a motion to approve the May 20, 2026, meeting minutes; Doug Overton seconded the motion; and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial report – Tiffany Dickenson presented the May financial statements. She reviewed the profit and loss, balance sheet, accounts receivable report, check register, and credit card purchases. A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Doug Overton; the motion was seconded by Jeff Comstock; and the motion passed unanimously.

Roundtable with U.S. Department of the Interior Associate Deputy Secretary Karen Budd-Fallen:

Jeff Comstock spoke about the hiring freeze for the BLM, affecting vacancies in range conservationist positions. He asked if there will be any progress in lifting the freeze. Ms. Budd-Fallen said that state director positions should be hired soon so that they can start to fill vacant positions within their jurisdictions. She said they are also looking to realign the offices more horizontally, instead of vertically. She said the hiring freeze is now over. Jeff said that there have been many letters of support for John Swartout for the Colorado State Director. Jeff spoke about road issues specifically in Dinosaur National Monument. He asked Ms. Budd-Fallen to look into helping resolve the issues between Moffat County and the National Parks Service.

Bonnie Brown with Colorado Wool Growers spoke about the 10J rule regarding wolves and asked that Ms. Budd-Fallen look at the MOU and preserve the 10J rule.

Tom Jankovsky spoke about being grateful for the work that has been done regarding the wolves. Ms. Budd-Fallen said she wants everyone to know that it is important to submit public comments. Tom spoke about the importance of oil and gas in Garfield County and that he also endorsed John Swartout for the state BLM director.

Cody Kennedy spoke about water issues and water rights. He asked about water seniority, and Ms. Budd-Fallen said they don't have legal authority over water seniority.

Alden Vanden Brink spoke about the NEPA review process. He spoke about the critical need for water storage in the region. He asked how the BLM will implement NEPA in the reservoir project. Ms. Budd-Fallen said the

NEPA document only applies to the physical structure, and that the cooperating agencies now have a stronger participation in the process. She also said that the timelines have been shortened for the NEPA process.

Kathleen Curry spoke about how grateful she is that the federal agencies seem to have the backs of the producers and said thank you for the decision about the wolves not being brought in from British Columbia. She said that the Gunnison Stockgrowers have submitted comments to the federal register. She encouraged reopening the MOU with the state, specifically as it relates to what defines a chronic depredating wolf.

Callie Scritchfield spoke about Rio Blanco County's agreement with Wildlife Services and would like to see strong encouragement for CPW to turn to Wildlife Services to manage the wolves. She asked how to make NEPA rules permanent, so they don't change with every administration. Ms. Budd-Falen said that they need help from congress. She said they are looking at revising BLM planning regulations and regulations regarding wild horses.

Bonnie Brown with the Colorado Woolgrowers Association spoke about revisions needed.

Amy Tooker spoke about proper coordination between local municipalities and the BLM. She spoke about adding an accountability piece to the management plan. Ms. Budd-Falen said it will be part of the revisions coming out soon.

Tom Jankovsky spoke about the Shoshone Water Rights purchase and said he is grateful for the federal support and that they need to ensure those funds stay committed. He spoke about upper basin water rights. Ms. Budd-Falen said that they are not going to favor the upper or lower basins, but they are very aware of the issues and will be fair.

Matt Shuler spoke about water rights and the volatility of court decisions impacting everyone. He asked how these issues can be resolved without involving the courts. Ms. Budd-Falen said they have had multiple meetings with the upper and lower basins, and the states, and they could not come to an agreement. She said this will force the DOI to make decisions regarding water rights.

Cody Kennedy spoke about the Colorado River and storage of the water. He asked for more explanation of what dictates the needs. Ms. Budd-Falen spoke about the turbines at Lake Powell that must be kept running and that this is the major deciding factor.

Janie VanWinkle spoke about the differences in the local BLM offices and how it impacts the local families. Ms. Budd-Falen said she hopes that getting permanent state directors should help, and they are going to hire someone to go to each of the offices to help implement the grazing rights.

Callie Scritchfield spoke about the large fire last year in Rio Blanco County and the cost of replacing the fencing in the area. She said the local BLM people have been trying very hard to get funding for most of the fencing. She spoke about cost-sharing with FSA and the challenges that they continue to face.

Alden Vanden Brink spoke about declining fish numbers and the challenges it poses to the White River. Ms. Budd-Falen said they are overhauling those regulations and they should help.

Kathleen Curry spoke about the dispute between the upper and lower basins. She spoke about mandatory delivery obligation at the state line and that she hoped they would give credit if that were the case. Ms. Budd-Falen said that she feels that it is a fair comment.

Ray Beck spoke about JOLT and the committee that was formed. He spoke about the JOLT conference taking place in Grand Junction. He spoke about the reception that will be held.

Dalida Bolig asked about funding for business development. Ms. Budd-Falen spoke about shortening the permitting process, so that businesses that want to start have a better chance.

Matt Solomon spoke about approval for a nuclear reactor at Buckley Air Space. He also said that they plan to support the RFI that was awarded to Utah as a region.

Kathleen Curry asked if there was more that the region could do to help her. Ms. Budd-Falen said public comments are very important. She said it is important to make thoughtful comments on the federal register.

Jeff Comstock spoke about LWC (lands with wilderness characteristics) and environmental groups using that designation to diminish access to natural resources like fossil fuels. Ms. Budd-Falen encouraged him to submit those comments.

Tiffany Dickenson and Ray Beck gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding America's new energy frontier in the west. They spoke about the area's energy assets from Kemmerer WY, through Craig, the Piceance Basin, to Blanding UT.

New Business –

Next meeting July 22, 2026, Grand Valley Recreation Center, 398 Aroyo Drive, Battlement Mesa, CO 81635

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

Attendance:

IN PERSON	IN PERSON
Mistalynn Meyeraan	Bob Chew
Tiffany Dickenson	Brad McCloud
Toni Barrett	Alicia Gresley
Grady Hazelton	Janie Van Winkel
William Dearing	Betsy Bair
KC Hume	Aimee Tooker
Jon Miller	Ray Beck
Karen Budd-Falen	Hilary Henry
Brandon Bainer	Diane Schwenke
Alden Vanden Brink	Matt Solomon
Candace Miller	Dalida Bolig
Cindy Dozier	Janeth Stancle
Chris Nichols	Doug Overton
Callie Scritchfield	Cody Davis
Matt Shuller	Mike Samson
Mike Goolsby	Bonnie Brown
Emily Schwaller	Tom Jankovsky
Kathleen Curry	Fred Jarman
Nancy Fishing	Cody Kennedy
Jeff Comstock	Wade Haerle
Melody Villard	Steve Dozier
Eric Rudd	Jennifer O'Hearon