



### MINUTES

#### **AGNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS & MEMBER MEETING**

**June 25, 2025**

**1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

***Garfield County Administration Building,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room, 195 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Rifle, CO 81650***

**ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2510562431> Password: 2462**

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Pledge of allegiance

**Call to order** – Vice Chairman Doug Overton called the meeting to order at 1:01pm. Introductions were made.

**Approval of minutes** – Mike Samson made a motion to approve the May 28, 2025, meeting minutes; Chris Nichols seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial report** – Tiffany Dickenson presented the May 2025 financials. She presented the profit and loss statement and noted that the budget for the grants navigator position will need to be adjusted due to a new grant that was awarded for year 3. She presented the balance sheet and noted that excess funds will be moved to CSLIP for investment per the previous approval of the board. She said that she needs to have a determination of an amount to move to CSLIP. She presented the accounts receivable and check register including the \$42K amount to Tactical 101 which was for the back pay for Matt Solomon included in the grants that were under federal freeze and had been released. Mike Samson made a motion that \$500K be transferred to CSLIP; the motion was seconded by Chris Nichols; the motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Chris Nichols; the motion was seconded by Stan Harbaugh; and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Votes for Approval:**

Jeff Comstock spoke about the NW Colorado Outdoors and the regional partnership initiative. He said that Rio Blanco and Moffat counties met with Tim Mauck and came up with a plan to have AGNC be the fiscal agent for the planning grant. Wendell Koontz asked if AGNC would be willing to be the fiscal agent for other counties and Tiffany Dickenson said that they could submit a proposal. Callie Scritchfield asked if AGNC could charge an indirect fee and Tiffany said typically a fee of up to 10% could be charged, but she wouldn't want to charge it unless it became a capacity issue. A motion to approve AGNC as fiscal agent was made by Mike Samson; the motion was seconded by Chris Nichols; and the motion passed unanimously. Doug spoke about releasing an RFP and asked if AGNC would like to do single source. Tiffany said that John Miller could manage the grant for Moffat County. Cody Davis asked if the bylaws support using a sole source RFP and Tiffany said the bylaws do support it. A motion to use sole source for the RFP was made by Cody Davis; Mike Samson seconded the motion; and the motion passed unanimously.

Doug Overton asked for input on the Federal Land Sales. Mike Samson said that Garfield County wrote a letter of opposition, but he understands that it has been struck from the bill. Tiffany Dickenson said she understands that the senators are working to add it back to the bill under new language. Wendell Koontz asked how it affects the land that does need to be sold. Mike said there is already a provision and Wendell commented that it takes a long period of time to use that provision. Richard Orf mentioned that there is state interest in managing public lands. Richard spoke to the process of striking the language from the bill and what next steps might be to reintroduce the language. Cody Davis commented that since the language has been pulled it may give more time to assess how to proceed. Jeff Comstock endorsed Cody's comments and said that there are several parcels that are landlocked in Moffat County that need to be disposed of, and he agrees that a version needs to be introduced. Alicia Gresley spoke about the need for stakeholder engagement in the process. Tiffany suggested a letter to the senators and representatives asking for more stakeholder engagement when determining the land to be sold. Callie Scritchfield asked if we could include specific information in the letter to ensure county support. Alicia spoke about concerns she had heard about foreign ownership of public lands. Richard said the legislature is watching this issue. Perry Will spoke about the disposal process and the problem of gaining access to the lands that make it unsellable. Callie asked about the provision in the bill that is for housing. Riley Scott asked for input on this issue, and she said the language is still changing and it may be changed to be 5-10 miles away from the population center. Alicia spoke about the concern that these lands are too far removed from infrastructure to make them acceptable housing sites. Karen Roberts spoke about where the utilities stop which may be different from the distance from a population center. Callie said she thinks the local municipalities and counties need to be able to approve the sales to ensure viability. Wendell said that if a letter is written it should include certain criteria and Perry agreed. Cody Davis said that he thinks a statement of position is warranted with parameters included. There was no objection to the statement of position so it was determined that Tiffany will draft that letter and send it to the board for approval.

**CLEER – Morgan Hill**, associated director for CLEER spoke about a new grant program called the impact accelerator program. She said that CLEER is the coordinator for the grant in the region. She spoke about the funding overview found at <https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/local-impact-accelerator>. She said the grant is intended to support local policy adoption to foster community relations. She spoke about eligible policies and costs as well as how to apply.

### **Project and Committee Reports:**

**Area Agency on Aging – Heather Jones**, NW CO AAoA Director provided an overview of AAA efforts as outlined in her written report. She reported they continue to monitor the OBBBA at the federal level, that may affect their funding. She reported that they have identified two providers that were overpaid that they will need to collect reimbursement from. She reported that the final amounts were received from the state and there was a decrease in funding, so a revised budget was presented. She then reviewed the cuts in the proposed budget. She said that they are hopeful that there may be some carryover funds in October. A motion to approve the revised budget was made by Chris Nichols; seconded by Grady Hazelton; and the motion passed unanimously. Heather's report is attached as Appendix A.

**Unified Wolf Coalition - John Swartout** reported that they attended the Colorado Cattlemen's Association. He reported that a petition was given to CPW that would reduce the amount of compensation to landowners for depredation. He said that he expects more petitions of similar nature to be presented. He said there will be a special meeting regarding the Copper Creek Pack on July 7<sup>th</sup>. He spoke about the depredations in Pitkin County from this pack. He spoke about a recent night vision video that has been released showing activity in the area. He said the meeting will be a virtually only meeting, contrary to the request to have it held in person in Glenwood Springs. He said that on June 30<sup>th</sup> the interim water and agricultural committee will be meeting including a panel that will be testifying on behalf of the wolf coalition. He said that they will be working on a list of questions they would like the senators to ask CPW at the interim committee meeting. He spoke about the

“broken promises tour” and the debacle of the wolf reintroduction that they hope to highlight during the press tour. He said they are hopeful to elevate it to the national level. He spoke about the CPW staff being unable to effectively implement the wolf reintroduction due to political interference. He said that he believes the state legislature is going to rebalance the budget and it gives another opportunity for them to ask for a pause in the reintroduction. He spoke about the need for collaboration from multiple groups in their efforts. Tiffany Dickenson asked if public testimony should be encouraged for the June 30<sup>th</sup> interim committee meeting, and John said he encourages all public testimony. Tiffany asked if there would be public comment during the July 7<sup>th</sup> CPW meeting, and John said they have not posted that yet. Dianna Orf encouraged public comment on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Wendell Koontz asked what the format for the broken promises tour would look like. John said they would like to do the press conferences in conjunction with other local meetings. He also spoke about the threats that he sees coming against CPW and public lands in Colorado. Mike Samson commented that he appreciates John’s work and that he believes we need to be willing to take a stand. Perry Will asked how the working group input and compensation bill will be affected, and John said they are working to find ways to work around all of the previously approved parts of the plan and compensation. Tiffany cautioned against the petitions to support Prop 13 and said that it would end reintroduction and not address compensation.

**NCEI Update – Matt Solomon** gave an update including the NW Colorado CBS Report and gave a PowerPoint presentation with the results of the report. He spoke about stakeholder mapping on the ECA-2 grant. He spoke about the Communities LEAP grant and said he will be giving an update at the JOLT conference. He said that he will be in Washington DC in August. He spoke about other meetings and presentations that he has done, as well. He spoke about requests to use the report results and his efforts to share those results.

**Legislative Update – Richard Orf** presented his written report. He spoke about the budget shortfall and a special session that will be forthcoming. Dianna Orf joined via Zoom and spoke about the concern over Medicaid cuts for regional hospitals. She spoke about the article that was forwarded to the members regarding the cuts. She spoke about the legislative audit committee and the correctional facilities. Richard said that the Rifle and Delta correctional facilities may be under the microscope for expenses considering the budget shortfalls. Richard spoke about wildlife issues and habitat preservation and its effects on land use. Dianna spoke about new legislation that would create a “shadow” CPW group if CPW were to be disbanded. Richard spoke about the stream access coalition. He also spoke about mining, advanced energy, and data centers. Mike Samson asked about corner crossing. Richard said that he believes it is now legal, and they will check in to it for him. Dianna said the 10<sup>th</sup> circuit court of appeals ruled on it. Richard spoke about the interim committees that are meeting this summer and that he expects this will be a busy summer. Wendell Koontz commented about a private initiative to do scoping on river management. The Orfs’ report is attached as Appendix B.

### **Municipalities Roundtable –**

Mistalynn Meyeraan asked that municipalities report any projects that they need help with to obtain funding, and Tiffany Dickenson spoke about Laura Kay and her new role as the Grants Navigator outreach person.

Care’ McInnis with the Town of De Beque spoke about the concerns that she has for dropping revenues, especially due to the decrease in marijuana sales.

Derek Hanrahan with the Town of Silt reported on the housing needs and code changes to accommodate those needs. He spoke about the mass transportation meeting and that Silt is very interested in integrating with mass transportation and last mile connectivity. He said the pedestrian bridge over I-70 is at 30% design, so they are looking forward to progressing. He said that they have had communication from several developers interested in Silt.

Chris Nichols with the City of Craig reported on workforce housing. He said they had an assessment and found that they needed 90 additional housing units. He spoke about the completion of 20 units and the sale of 2 of those units. He said that he is hopeful that the AMI standards can be loosened so that the properties can be sold. He spoke about the rail system from Craig to Kremmling that is being developed. He said they are working on an RTA with Routt County. He said they are hopeful that it can take some pressure off highway 40 between Craig and Steamboat Springs. He said they will be asking the voters to extend the marijuana tax and the lodging tax in the fall. He said they are also working on the development of an industrial park.

Karen Roberts with the City of Rifle reported on the completion of the river bridge. She reported that an officer with the police department has been accepted into an FBI program. She said they are looking at doing a lodging tax increase. Patrick Waller joined via Zoom and reported that they are also working on some water line projects.

Stan Harbaugh with the Town of Palisade reported on the sewer pipe project from Palisade to Clifton so that they can decommission their plant. He said they hope to have it completed by the end of 2026. He spoke about the Uintah Basin Railway and the public feedback they are hearing from their citizens for Palisade to join in a lawsuit against it. Callie Scritchfield said that RBC and conservation districts opposed the lawsuit that was brought by Eagle County. Matt Solomon said that the lawsuit by Eagle County was struck down by the supreme court. Riley Scott said that she thinks that Eagle County is working on another lawsuit. Callie spoke about the NEPA process and how it impacts the filing of lawsuits. Allen Parker recommended that Palisade speak with their attorney to get good legal advice. Grady Hazelton spoke about the cost of joining a lawsuit, as well.

Grady Hazelton with the Town New Castle reported they also are seeing a lot of interest from developers. He said the roundabout has been completed on the east end of town. He said they need to replace a bridge on the west end of town. He said they are fully staffed. He said the mini grants have helped their town and he appreciates them very much.

Allen Parker with the Town of Rangely reported they are building a boat access ramp to the White River with funding from a grant.

**Dept of Energy Collaborative Based Siting – Marla Morales** presented a PowerPoint. She started with a timeline history of a deep geologic repository program. She spoke about the estimated DOE liability of nearly \$50B due to breach of contract. She spoke about how to start the conversation to find a resolution. She spoke about the option for spent nuclear fuel disposition including federal consolidated storage (FCS) and deep geologic repository (DGR). She said the FCS would be interim to the DGR. She said the DOE is hoping to release an expression of interest program by the end of the year. She said they hope to provide technical assistance in the amount of around \$500K to assist with the communities' interest programs. She said that DOE is developing tools to assist interested parties envision what a proposed facility could look like. She spoke about building public trust, including the High Burnup Research Cask. She presented the collaboration-based siting near-term roadmap from fall 2025 to early 2026. She spoke about building public trust. Alicia Gresly asked about the viability of deep geologic repository in Colorado due to the geological makeup. Chris Nichols asked how many interim facilities are needed and Marla said they currently are saying one or more, because it would be based on need and capacity from the communities. Chris asked how the process of expression of interest would work. Marla said the applications will be reviewed and then they will pick based on available funding. Wendell Koontz asked about the timeframe of interim storage, and Marla said it could not even be built until the DGR is started. Alicia asked about jobs associated with these facilities. Marla said they estimate about 700 jobs for the facility. She said that the community would need to decide what works best for them. Wendell asked about the amount of water it would take for the storage. Marla said the water usage would come into the concrete that is used to build the facility, but other than that it is a passive facility.

**AI Presentation – Chris Tamm** presented a PowerPoint. Chris gave a brief overview including examples, areas of focus, possible next steps. He gave a brief background on the Cast Services. He spoke about the use of AI in website development. He spoke about creating videos from text. He spoke about robots and how they can replace physical labor. He spoke about cloud-based estimation and takeoff tools on the market. He spoke about the impact of AI and the future. He spoke about running systems, reading and writing emails. He spoke about 4 areas of focus including training, assessing, implementation and ongoing activities. He spoke about where to start with AI and whether it is included in a strategic plan. He spoke about the steps needed to start the process for an organization. Tiffany Dickenson spoke about the tool that AI can be for workers and its ability to improve capacity in small communities. Richard Orf spoke about the confidentiality of information and how to handle data security. The costs were discussed and Chris said that he expects these costs will come down in the next few years. He also said there are options that don't cost as much as others, too.

#### **Federal Delegate Update –**

Riley Scott with Rep. Hurd's office spoke about public lands and said that Rep. Hurd wants local control on these land sales. She said the bill is still being amended in the Senate. She spoke about the Medicaid provider fees and they are watching this closely. She said that Rep. Hurd was in support of the bombing of the Iran nuclear sites and does not want them to have nuclear weapon capabilities. She spoke about water supply forecasting by the Bureau of Reclamation. She spoke about the CDS projects awarded within the AGNC region. Mike Samson asked if the town hall was well attended and Riley said they had over 8,000 in attendance.

Hilary Henry with Sen. Bennet's office spoke about HR-1 or the Big Beautiful Bill. She said the public lands sale part of the bill has been watched closely. She spoke about some of the other parts of the bill they are watching closely including tax cuts, lifting the debt ceiling, Medicaid cuts, and the clean energy tax credit cut. She spoke about broadband and cuts to the funding and the inferior technology that is being funded with federal dollars. She spoke about the Uintah Railway and said that Sen. Bennet is concerned about the effect on the water supply and local control. Wendell Koontz asked where Sen. Bennet stands on the appointment of Ted Cook to the head of the Bureau of Reclamation. She said that he has not put out a statement and is looking to meet with the nominee.

**Executive Director Update – Tiffany Dickenson** spoke about the JOLT conference and encouraged attendance. She then reviewed her written report. Tiffany's report is attached as Appendix C.

#### **New Business –**

*Next meeting July 16, 2025, CNCC, 2801 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Conference Room 185, Craig, CO 81625*

**Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.**

**Attendance:**

<b>IN PERSON</b>	<b>VIA ZOOM</b>
Doug Overton	Laura Kay Good
William Dearing	Dianna Orf
Callie Scritchfield	Jeff Comstock
Stan Harbaugh	Reece Melton
Jennifer O'Hearon	Scott Franz
Chris Nichols	Jeannie Caldwell
Morgan Hill	Trent Thompson
Heather Jones	Cody Davis
Wendell Koontz	John Swartout
John Powers	Allen Parker
Karen Roberts	Patrick Waller
Alicia Gresley	Care' McInnis
Perry Will	Hilary Henry
Riley Scott	Derek Hanrahan
Richard Orf	
Chris Tamm	
Mike Samson	
Mistalynn Meyeraan	
Grady Hazelton	
Stephanie Weir	
Marla Morales	
Reagan Shane	
Matt Solomon	
Derek Hannahan	
Tiffany Dickenson	
Toni Barrett	

## APPENDIX A



### Updates from AAA 06/25/2025:

- The AAA continues to monitor the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) at the federal level. Due to the tremendous advocacy efforts across the nation, the Older Americans Act programs will no longer be split between Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and the Administration for Children and Families. Instead, they will all be moved to a newly renamed Administration for Children, Families and Communities. Additionally, the final President's budget does not include any funding cuts for the critical Older Americans Act programs, including Title III D Evidence-Based Disease Prevention & Health Promotion and Title VII (Long-Term Care Ombudsman), as well as State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs), ADRCs, and elder justice programs such as Adult Protective Services.
- The State Unit on Aging (SUA) is rolling out new assessment forms for AAA service providers to use starting July 1. They are moving from using just three assessment forms to a form for each service. Additionally, they are making quite a few updates to our State database.
- The AAA has been attending accessibility trainings with Mesa County to ensure that documents going out meet the new accessibility standards.
- As you may recall we had a couple of providers who had to repay funds to the SUA for ineligible participants. After this occurrence the SUA asked AAAs not to go looking for any more ineligible participants. Recently, the SUA resumed looking for ineligible participants. As such, two more providers were identified as needing to make a repayment to the SUA. These services were from SFY24. Updates have been made to the State database that should prevent providers from being able to enter services on ineligible clients.
- We did receive our final allocation amounts from the SUA, which includes the 25% of Older Americans Act funding that was missing from the budget that AGNC approved on 5/28/25. Unfortunately, Colorado did not receive flat funding as expected. Overall, Colorado received \$630,296 (-2.62%) less in funding than in current SFY25. The revised budget is attached.

## APPENDIX B



Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC)  
Government Affairs Report  
June 25, 2025

Everyone is watching the federal budget to see what additional adjustments may be required for the state's 2025-26 fiscal year which begins July 1. There has been widespread anticipation (moving beyond speculation) that shortfalls for Medicaid and potentially other areas may trigger a Special Session in late summer or early autumn. The question is "how much" and "when."

The Legislative Audit Committee reviewed the findings of the State Auditor concerning budget practices within the **Department of Corrections**. The audit found that the department has not used a consistent, accurate, and transparent methodology to develop and justify its budget requests over the past four years. As a result, the inconsistencies make it difficult to track the Department's historical expenditures and hold it accountable for managing to its budget. Similar inconsistencies were highlighted during JBC discussions concerning the Rifle and Delta prisons during the 2025 legislative session.

**Legislative Logistics.** Legislators who currently have offices in the Capitol are being displaced for renovations and will move back following completion. In the fall, staff members will be moved out and into the refurbished Capitol Annex Building across 14<sup>th</sup> street, while legislators currently housed in the Legislative Service (JBC) building and in 1525 Sherman will be relocated into the Capitol, in an effort to consolidate legislator presence in the Capitol. The issue of a furniture budget for the move drove significant floor debate at the end of the legislative session.

**Senate Minority Leadership Changes.** House Minority Leader Paul Lundeen announced his resignation effective June 9 to take a position as President and CEO of the American Excellence Foundation. On Thursday, June 12, Senate Republicans met to elect Sen. Cleave Simpson of Alamosa as their new Minority Leader, with Sen. Lisa Frizzel of Castle Rock becoming the new Asst. Minority Leader. Simpson is General Manager of the Rio Grande Water District. A farmer and rancher in Southern Colorado, Simpson is also a former mining engineer working in Texas and Australia.

### **Initiatives.**

End Gray Wolf Reintroduction #13 has been approved for circulation. Petitions are due to the Secretary of State 8/27/2025.

Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation Commission. Initiative #98 proposed for the November 2026 ballot. As written, this statutory proposal would establish a shadow commission to take over the duties of the Colorado Wildlife Commission in the event the state agency is disbanded, defunded or determined legally incapable of carrying out its duties. The initiative also mentions a "Landscape Connectivity Commission" as well as the Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation Commission, making it difficult to determine whether one or two commissions are proposed. The measure covers the same subject matter as Initiatives #52, #82, and mirrors a previously defeated legislative measure. Vested with enforcement authority and significant powers over land use, the body is composed of experts in the field of wildlife biology and specifically excludes membership from the extractive industries and agriculture. This initiative is scheduled for a Review and Comment Hearing with the Office of Legislative Council 6/27 at 10 a.m.

**Interim Activities.** Although most of the traditional legislative interim committees are suspended this year due to budget constraints, the Water Resources and Agricultural Issues Committee will continue to meet. A tentative agenda for its first meeting on June 30 reflects a presentation and discussion of an **Environmental**



**Good Samaritan bill.** Also on the agenda is a discussion of **Ranch Property Taxes** and **Wolf Reintroduction**. Details are not yet available. Also, on this, or future agendas for the interim is an expected discussion of outdoor recreation planning bill requested by the Dept. of Natural Resources during the 2025 session. The bill was killed in committee following widespread concern from various industry groups but is certain to return to hash out details previously unavailable.

A **public lands working group** will be formed following enactment of HB 25-1332, which required a group to study opportunities to advance conservation, climate resilience, biodiversity, and recreation on state trust lands. While those lands are supposed to be managed to provide revenue to support public education, changes in Colorado's constitution also allow them to be managed to protect and enhance the beauty, natural values, open space and wildlife habitat. The issue has taken on new urgency with the appointment of a new State Lands Director whose expressed philosophy is that lands in the West should be returned to a "natural state" with little or no evidence of human activity in order to benefit wildlife. The large working group will include representatives from the hunting and angling communities, outdoor recreation, environmental organizations, two members from agriculture, two members from oil/gas, one representative from mining, a county commissioner and one representative of municipality. Despite the broad representation on the working group, traditional users who hold current leases for grazing, oil and gas development, and mining are concerned about the potential impacts on future leasing opportunities. The working group will be assisted by a professional facilitator: solicit public input, and engage subject matter specialists as needed including experts on the economy, landscape ecology, and climate resilience before forwarding its recommendations. An interim report must be produced by March 16, 2026 with final recommendations due September 1, 2026.

**Endangered Species.** A loosely organized group of interested persons, including legislative and state agency staff, are discussing potential state legislation to preserve habitat for threatened and endangered species in response to proposed regulatory changes at the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The initial focus on protection of habitat and definition of "harm" to species is covered in Initiative #98. The group has decided NOT to pursue legislation during the 2026 session; however, discussions will continue on a monthly schedule.

The **Stream Access Coalition**, composed of organizations representing rafters, anglers, river outfitters and other recreational users of navigable waterways is pressing for change to Colorado statutes to allow users to access not only the waters, but stream beds including the right to float, scout portage hazards, and wade in waters flowing through privately-owned property. Colorado law treats streambed access as trespass on the rights of the landowner through which the stream passes. Two legislators have indicated an interest in the effort.

**Eminent Domain.** What happens when two entities, each having eminent domain authority, go head to head? Who has "dominant eminent domain"? This is a question raised during the 2025 legislative session. Because the issue arose so late in the session, a stakeholder group is being formed, hosted by the Special District Association to explore potential solutions. That group will begin meeting in August.

**Federal Roadless Revisited?** At the Western Governors' Association meeting on June 23, the Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins announced the Administration's plan to rescind the Forest Service Roadless Area Rule, adopted in 2001. According to the USDA, this action will remove prohibitions on road construction, reconstruction, and timber harvest on nearly 59 million acres of the National Forest System, allowing for fire prevention and responsible timber production. Roadless area restrictions in Colorado's North Fork Valley placed significant impediments to mining operations in the region.

## APPENDIX C

### Executive Director Update – June 2025:

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#### ✅ Board-Approved Actions (Follow-Up Completed or In Progress)

##### IRS Early Withdrawal Penalty Waiver Letter

#### ✅ *Approved by board.*

✦ Follow-up: AGNC to begin outreach for additional sign-on support. AGNC prepared a full packet, including bipartisan cover letters and regional impact data.

Next step: Send letters to congressional offices and track responses. AGNC has prepared a flyer and petition-like sign-on sheet to be set out at the JOLT meeting.

##### CSLIP Investment Resolution

#### ✅ *Approved by board.*

✦ Follow-up: Tiffany to work with Ben Mendenhall to determine exact reserve funds to invest.

Next step: Confirm investment amount and initiate transfer.

##### CPW Strategic Plan Comments

#### ✅ *Approved by board.*

✦ Follow-up: Comments submitted by June 6.

Next step: Continue monitoring process. Note: CPW is using Prosono to assist in drafting the strategic plan – this is the same firm that AGNC just completed our strategic plan with, giving AGNC additional contact into the process.

##### AAA Proposed Budget Approval

#### ✅ *Approved by board.*

✦ Follow-up: Await 25% additional federal funding release after July 1. Heather to return in June with a revised budget.

Next step: Review & vote on updated budget at the June 25 meeting.

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#### Initiatives Under Development or Monitoring

##### Unified Wolf Coalition

Attended June 12 CPW Meeting in Glenwood Springs. There was a great showing of participation from Northwest Colorado – particularly our producers – providing public comment.

Next step: From the Public comments, CPW determined they would hold a special meeting. This meeting has been set as a virtual-only meeting on July 7 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. It will be livestreamed on YouTube. For additional information, please visit [www.engagecpw.com](http://www.engagecpw.com)

##### Middle Colorado Watershed Council – Fiscal Agent Request

✗ *Motion failed due to lack of second.*

✦ Follow-up: AGNC encouraged Kate Collins to revisit with the City of Rifle and consider other fiscal agent options (e.g., conservation districts).

Next steps: AGNC continues to work with the Middle Colorado Watershed Council to identify potential partners and opportunities. MCWC has since been to the Garfield County BOCC and is on the consent agenda for support.

### Enterprise Zone Redesignation Monitoring

✚ Follow-up: Template letters for counties pending.

Next step: Provide support letters from EZ counties and respond to boundary change proposals.

UPDATE: AGNC MEETING WITH CHE NEXT WEEK.

### REDI Grant – High Altitude Geothermal

✅ *Submitted following board direction.*

Next step: Track award status and coordinate with project lead in Craig.

UPDATE - RECEIVED!