

November 12th, 2025

At a Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, Washington County Colorado, held at the Courthouse in Akron, Colorado on Wednesday the 12th day of November, 2025, there were present:

Gisele Jefferson, chairman	present
Brandy Ward, commissioner	present
Scott Ramey, commissioner	present
Amber Morgan, deputy clerk to the board	present
Misty Peterson, county administrator	present

The Special meeting was called to order by Chairman Jefferson at 2:04 pm.

Approve Consent Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Ramey and duly seconded by Commissioner Ward to approve the **consent agenda as presented**. On a roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion carried.

Chairman Jefferson recessed the Special Meeting at 2:05 pm.

Chairman Jefferson opened the Continuation of the Tri-State application Public Hearing at 2:06 pm.

It was moved by Commissioner Ward and duly seconded by Commissioner Ramey to **move that the decision of the Planning Commission that the 1041 application is incomplete be overruled and that the Planning Commission is directed to hold a public hearing on the 1041 application at their regular meeting in December 2025, based on the following reasons:**

1. Tri-State has provided a list of landowners along with "Access Permission" forms to survey landowner properties for the electrical power transmission line. We feel that these surveys which encompass 100% of the project allows for compliance with Section 3.402(2) of the 1041 Regulations, which requires "A list of all affected property owners of record, their current addresses, telephone numbers, and an original written statement from each with their signature of approval for any related easement, right-of way, purchase or lease, etc."
2. Tri-State has submitted a Wildfire Prevention and Suppression Plan outlining fire prevention and safety protocols implemented during construction and maintenance activities, supplementing those described in the Application. Section 5.4.9 The plan addresses incident

response. An evacuation plan is not warranted because the proposed route is located in a sparsely populated area and is at least a quarter mile from any residence.

3. The application, including Tri-State's Environmental Protection Measures (Appendix D), Tri-State employs a tailored, site-specific approach to reclamation. Best management practices are applied in collaboration with landowners to maximize restoration outcomes.

With 2 and 3, we feel that Tri-State meets the requirements in Section 3.402(9) of the 1041 Regulations, which requires as follows: "Any applicant proposing a facility which may be any means whatsoever constitute a hazard to public health and safety shall provide: (a) An acceptable warning and evacuation plan; (b) An acceptable contractual proposal for clean up which shall result in the best restoration technologically available".

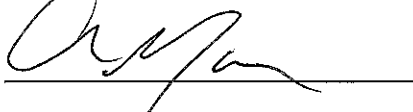
We, also, make one condition to (3) stated here: Along with collaborating with landowners we would need Tri-state to also collaborate with our County's Conservation Districts on best practices. On a roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion carried.

The Public Hearing was closed at 2:17 pm.

The Special Meeting was resumed at 2:17 pm

It was moved by Commissioner Ramey and duly seconded by Commissioner Ward to **adopt Resolution 55-2025 Washington County Employee Health Insurance Plan for 2026**. On a roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion carried.

The Special meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.



Amber Morgan

Deputy Clerk to the Board



Gisele Jefferson,

Chairman Board of County Commissioners