



Region 10 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2023
In Person at Olathe Business Cultivator
300 Hap Court, Olathe, CO 81425
and via Zoom Video Conference

1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm.
 - a. **Staff:** Michelle Haynes (R10 Director), Nancy Murphy (Small Business Development), Corey Bryndal (Broadband Project Director), Courtney Rodwell,
 - b. **Board Members:** Kris Holstrom (San Miguel), Doug Hamel (Lake City), Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison), Jon Waschbush (Montrose County), John Clark (Town of Ridgway), Roger Rash (Montrose County), Dave Frank (City of Montrose), Vince Rogalski (GVTPR/STAC), Michael Bacani (Town of Mt Crested Butte), Chris Haver (Town of Crested Butte), Michelle Nauer (Ouray County), Don Suppes (Delta County, 12:11pm)

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion to approve agenda: **M/S /: as accepted.** None opposed.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for March 23, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting**
Motion to approve: **M/S: Roger Rash/Dave Frank as accepted.** None opposed.

4. **Discussion Items:**
 - a. Executive Session Request-move to end of meeting.
Motion to approve as presented.: **M/S: / as accepted.** None opposed.

5. **Reports:**
 - a. **Financial Report** – Presented by Michelle Haynes
 - i. These are February financials and March will include quarterly reconciliation. We are finalizing the construction on both building projects. We have submitted request for final payment on Olathe building. We are 60% completion for the Cascade location. Thus far on the RISE grant we have just billed for construction and will bill for operations after construction billing is finalized.
 - b. **Small Business Resource Center** –Nancy Murphy
 - i. The Cultivator is open and will have people coming through. The Demystifying Entrepreneurship class begins tomorrow and Saturday for our first class from the CU Leeds Business School
 - ii. On Wednesday we have our food entrepreneurship camp that will have 5 participants from our region and that was all we were allocated.
 - iii. Callie & James have been working on expanding food truck programming with w 4-part series starting in the Fall. Rules and regulations Montrose County because they follow the states, food truck experiential and a wrap up.
 - c. **Business Loan Fund** – Michelle for Dan Scinto
 - i. Dan is at a conference but we are having lots of conversations with business either new or expanding. FYTD we have put out \$1.5 million out thus far, and we have approximately \$600,000 that are on tap for the CDBG loan fund.
 - ii. Dan is making a life change in relocating and will be leaving us soon. There is no current timeline or formal announcement but we are getting prepared to fill that position.
 - iii. Don: Are the requests still wide spread as they were. Response: We are now seeing quite a few requests for food industry, restaurants and food trucks but those are high risk loans. Others include a hotel in Montrose for CDBG, some are construction contractor loans for equipment, one waiting on the CDBG is a Wildland rescues operation that require 4 wheelers.
 1. Add industry type to the loan fund report.
 - d. **Community Development** – Trish Thibodo
 - i. The state of Colorado got a grant to do policy to do grants to help EDOs and Government work better together.
 - ii. **IJA Navigator Introduction Report** - Colleen Hannon
 1. She included a Board report and she and Trish and Michelle have been traveling to our communities meetings with different municipalities.

2. We are hosting an infrastructure navigation meeting with the state on July 11th with a meeting space to be determined.
 3. We will be hosting an intern for 2 months this summer and we are thinking of having him put together an asset map of EV charging stations so that we can evaluate what is available and then start to evaluate.
- e. **Community Living Services** – Michelle for Eva Veitch
- i. We do know that we are in the last year of Eva being in her position so not as soon as Dan but we have a succession plan in place for her.
 - ii. RSVP has 300+ volunteers and that program is finetuning their programs. We are excited about the Handy Helper program to help around the house, and we now feel like we've found a good volunteer to lead that program.
- f. **Broadband** – Corey Bryndal
- i. Attended Colorado Broadband for Internet for All and lead a panel on how to work with our communities.
 - ii. We have a kickoff for fiber to the home in Lake City and Visionary will be installing fiber soon.
 - iii. We received a Just Transitions Grant and that will allow us to host an additional FTE.
 - iv. WE are close to a deal with a link out of the westbound route into Salt Lake City. That involves routers and equipment.
 - v. We have begun the two 100 gig links to serve transport into Telluride
 - vi. Signed agreements to lease fiber in Ouray County
 - vii. Crested Butte has interest from Visionary to get fiber from Crested Butte to Gunnison and that will require a CNL in Mt Crested Butte.
 - viii. Done some negotiation with CDOT and with NWCCOG, there are 7 sets of construction on I-70 for communities to start this summer.
 - ix. Neighbors to the south in Region 9 applied for a \$66 million grant to connect in our regions. We are hoping that they receive that.
 - x. Ultimately, we are hoping to have connections to Salt Lake City, Denver, Albuquerque and eventually Dallas.
 - xi. John Clark: What are your thoughts on VERO buying up a lot of ISPs?
 1. Mergers and acquisitions have been table stakes. They do eventually get consolidated and bought up by larger companies. It does give them access to equipment and services the smaller ones previously wouldn't have. For us it does consolidate our contacts and invoicing but with that we do also see faster speeds and better-quality services with that. VERO is operating in 19 states, and our relationship with them with the acquisition of ClearNetworkx is strengthened.
- g. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee** – Vince Rogalski
- i. The transportation commission had on their agenda a resolution to approve fee-based access to fiber. That was put on hold and there will be a committee to review it again. STAC is also looking at this.
 - ii. Ice and Snow removal, CDOT has already expended that and have approved another \$19 million for the remainder of the year.
 - iii. They had a transportation commission tour of the transportation operations building.
 - iv. Had the STAC meeting as a Zoom meeting, and we are talking a lot about grants recently and Michelle is sending those out. Wildlife crossing grant. That is the FHWA and the deadline for that is August 1st
 - v. Safe Streets and Roads for all applications is due July 10th.
 - vi. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) the 10-year plan includes \$170 million for region wide transit improvement projects.
 - vii. HB1101 – originally a simple bill to include a transit member as a voting member on each of the TPRs and now they have expanded that to include a study of the regional boundaries of the TPRs and that report will be finalized by December.
 - viii. EV charging in CDOT right of way is currently illegal and so they are now reevaluating that.
 - ix. HB1267 doubles fines for speeding trucks on steep grades.
 - x. HB 268 requires a new reporting requirement for the 10-year transportation plan and now they want more project information to go to TLRCE.
 - xi. Revitalizing Mainstreet is still accepting applications on a rolling basis, max amount is \$250,000.
 - xii. Funds from ARPA need funds obligated by Dec 2024 and expended by 2026.
 - xiii. The first obligation of MMOF must have their funds obligated by June 2023, this reminds us that if we do not pay attention to deadlines, we could lose the money.
 - xiv. STAC meeting is in person next week in Denver. What is the funding for the next 20 years for transportation.
 - xv. The TAP program is happening right now and someone from each of the TPRs is on the review committee and Vince is reviewing for both Region 3 & 5. There were 8 projects submitted for Region 5 and not

enough money to fund them all. The first review for Region 3 has 15 projects and we will need to review those who have requested \$20 million with only \$8 million to allocate.

- xvi. Little Blue Canyon, meeting next week May 2nd, 6-7pm and it is one Zoom, and they will report on where they are. The plan still says they will be finished on July 13th but that is not correct and so we will need an update from them on that.
- xvii. GVTPR meeting on May 11th in person at the new Montrose Cascade Hall Conference room.
 - 1. We will be getting a legislative update there.
 - 2. As well as HB1101, which is the boundary amendments for the TPR Regions.
 - 3. 273 is a land use bill which means they will be putting more regulations on cities and counties for housing and that will be using MMOF funding and counties are not happy about this because it infringes on the county's ability to regulate land use.
- h. **Executive Director Report** – Michelle Haynes
 - i. We are finalizing a board survey and will get that out so that we have updates for the May meeting.
- i. **Motion to enter Executive Session M/S: Don Suppes/Jon Waschbusch Executive**
 - i. **Executive session entered.**
 - ii. **Motion to exit Executive Session John Clark/Dave Frank ended 1:33pm**
- j. **Motion to approve Reports M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Roger Rash**

6. **Next Meeting:**

- a. Next **Board Meeting:** In Person at the Region 10 Conference Room
 - i. May 25, 2023 Noon to 3pm
- b. Next **Executive Committee Meeting:** In Person at Region 10 Conference Room
 - i. Thursday, May 25th

7. **Meeting adjourned 1:36 pm**

Motion to adjourn: Dave Frank/Jim Gelwicks. None opposed.