



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm.
 - a. **Staff:** Michelle Haynes (R10 Director), Trish Thibodo (Community Development), Eva Veitch (Community Living Services), Corey Bryndal (Broadband Project Director), Aris Freeborn (Executive & Finance Assistant), Gavin Lindsey (Community Development Intern), Nancy Murphy (Small Business Development), Dan Scinto (Business Loan Fund)
 - b. **Board Members:** Carlos Velado (Town Manager, Town of Mt Crested Butte), Dave Frank (City of Montrose), Don Suppes (Delta County), DeLanie Young (Town of Telluride), Greg Heart (Town of Cedaredge), Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison), Jon Waschbusch (Montrose County), Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County, Board Chair), Roger Rash (Montrose County), Vince Rogalski (GVTPR & STAC Chair)
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion to approve agenda: M/S Don Suppes/Jim Gelwicks: as accepted. None opposed.
3. **Special Recognition:** Michelle Haynes recognized Commissioner Kris Holstrom for her work as the chair for the last year and is now an outgoing chair.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for May 2023, Board Meeting**
Motion to approve: M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Roger Rash as accepted with addition. None opposed.
5. **Discussion Items:**
 - a. Executive Session Request by Michelle Haynes at 1:00pm
Motion to approve as presented: M/S / as accepted. None opposed.
6. **Reports:**
 - a. **Executive Director/Financial Report** – Presented by Michelle Haynes
 - i. Financial reporting is solid. The balance sheet is omitted from the report, but it is noted that cash is a little over a million dollars. We received funds into our operating account from the state for the AAA partnered project with CASA. Due to the timing between receiving the funds and issuing a check to CASA our cash is higher than normal. Income statement is on track.
 - ii. We are currently undergoing a RSVP financial review. It has been a challenge to manage the financial reporting. There has been a misunderstanding as to what match is or isn't required. We are currently working with Jo (Lance) to manage the program. It looked like we owed money back to the program, however based on yesterday's call we may or may not owe money back. We are waiting for a response back on whether we can spend more than was authorized. We either owe them \$8k or they owe us \$16k.
 - iii. Our current audit firm is no longer conducting audits. Jo (Lance) has submitted proposals to several firms to see if we can engage with a different firm this year.
 - iv. Operation budget is as expected and there are no surprises.
 - v. Q: Jim Gelwicks- Is 85%-95% as expected for membership revenue? A: Michelle Haynes- It is as expected due to us accruing membership revenue over a 12-month period. Only a handful of people have not paid. We invite people each year that do not participate and may need to be written off. Payments are collected upfront and then deferred over a 12-month period.
 - vi. Michelle noted that If anyone would like a copy of the Balance Sheet to let her know and she will send it after the meeting.
 - b. **Small Business Resource Center** –Nancy Murphy
 - i. It was noted that there is a revision to the report. We now have 3 kitchen clients,
 - ii. Meetups and activities have been added to the business training program. Last night was the first business visit to Elevation Tea in Hotchkiss.
 - iii. Monthly Food Trucks at the Cultivator start next Thursday, June 29th. There will be tacos, Cajun, and shaved ice. Runs 4:30pm to 6:30pm.
 - iv. Q: Don Suppes – What is the kitchen capacity? A: Nancy- Up to 10 businesses.

- c. **Business Loan Fund – Dan Scinto**
 - i. It was noted that we have been approved for SBA 7 loan funding and we should be receiving the funds anytime.
 - ii. Page 2 of the business loan fund report includes the current loan portfolio for the year. Allowing members to see what loans have been granted in their area.
 - iii. No questions.

- d. **Community Development – Trish Thibodo**
 - i. Introduction of our summer intern, Gavin Lindsey. He has been with us for 2 weeks and is a local resident. He is helping with infrastructure, CEDS and other updates.
 - ii. The Regional Infrastructure Summit is July 11th at the Ouray County Fairgrounds and is presented by the State. Registration is free. Other COGS that have hosted the summit and their communities are finding them beneficial.

- e. **Community Living Services –Eva Veitch**
 - i. Older American Act is up for modernization. Last updated in 1988. Comments are open until August 15th.
 - ii. Q: Don Suppes – With settlement rates and the Homestead Exemption Act, are the seasoned community members concerned about their property tax increase? A: Eva Veitch – We have received calls regarding this. There is assistance through PTC (Property Tax/Rent Heat Credit Rebate) to help with the increase in property taxes. We can assist low-income seniors with the application. Seniors needing assistance with rent can apply for the rebate as well.
 - iii. Included in the packet are results from the AAA survey. We are required to send the survey to at least 50% of our clients. We received a good return rate. All Points Transit, nutrition services, and in home services received many positive responses. Responses factor into how much funding we get for the following year.

- f. **Broadband – Corey Bryndal**
 - i. Continuing work on grant implementation to reach along 1-70 to Denver for a better source of internet down to Durango and Albuquerque. Corey and Michelle have been working on breaking the project into phases. Requests have been made for additional contributions from regions that would be served and benefit from the project.
 - ii. The Telluride link is complete. Equipment is installed and working.
 - iii. Lake City construction is close to starting.
 - iv. The Crested Butte to Mount Crested Butte project is restarting with the help of Mt CB staff.

- g. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee – Vince Rogalski**
 - i. Included in the packet is information on House Bill 1101. In 1993 when the RTP (Regional Transportation Plan) was requested it was decided that it would be best to include regions and municipalities already part of Region 10. The State is now questioning whether the TPR boundaries are appropriate. A study with the transportation commission will be conducted. Region 3 TPR and MPO have requested that a letter be signed to support the existing TPR and MPO. It has been decided to wait on signing the letter until the TPR for GVTPR meeting on August 10th. The goal is to discuss in depth and decide as to if we want to be part of the study.
 - ii. The 2045 long-rang plan is moved to a 2050 plan. Development, reforming, and changes to some of the revenue distribution formulas are taking place. The July STAC meeting will be virtual. The August, September and October meetings will be in person. A coordinator will be provided for the in-person meetings.
 - iii. The original chairman for Transportation Commission has decided to retire early and has already left his position. The interim chair is Gary Beedy and has been appointed as the new chair in beginning in July.
 - iv. Hwy 50, through the canyon, was projected to be complete mid-July. Completion has been extended to Mid-November with on and off closures until completion. Vince stated that it will improve the safety through the canyon by adding two twelve-foot lands and four-foot shoulders on each side. There is also construction east of the canyon on Hwy 50.
 - v. Q: Jim Gelwicks – When will the comment period end for the 2050 plan? A: Vince Rogalski – They have just begun planning and the comment period will probably be next year. Formula distribution will be looked at first and will be the RTP priority.

- h. **5 Minute Break**

- i. **Executive Director Report – Michelle Haynes**

- i. We are currently working with Alpine Bank to renew our line of credit. Alpine has not asked for resolutions yet. Michelle reminded the group that we took a deed of trust out on the building during construction and reduced our loan, knowing that we had the line of credit available. We have not used the line of credit in a long time but want to renew it in case we need it in the future.
- ii. The DOLA grant application approval for one more year of broadband coordinator services will be brought to the July meeting for. DOLA is winding down their broadband coordination funding and will only be funded for one more year. There will no longer be a subset of broadband funds. Applications and funding will be included with all other energy impact applications.
- iii. Last year the Governor held an executive order that went to legislation stating that all broadband projects be coordinated through CBO (Colorado Broadband Office). With this, DOLA is stating that CBO is now in charge of broadband work. CBO only has last mile funds to distribute, not middle mile funds. This has been brought to the attention of DOLA and regional managers with no solution as of right now. Conversations with CBO have begun, along with other regions doing broadband, which include Region 11 and Region 9. include determining what the next iteration broadband will play and that the goal of these projects can be combined and become more beneficial to us and the state.

j. **Motion to approve Reports: M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Don Suppes as accepted.** None opposed.

7. Next Meeting:

- a. Information is in the packet.
 - i. Executive Committee: July 27, 2023, Noon - 2:30pm
 - ii. Board of Directors: August 24, 2023, Noon – 3:00pm

8. Executive Session

- a. **Motion to enter Executive Session at 1:02pm to discuss legal advice from attorney, with no recording made by Jon Waschbusch, seconded by Don Suppes, none opposed.**
- b. **Exited Executive Session 1:28pm**
 - i. **No votes were taken during the Executive Session.**

9. Meeting adjourned 1:28 pm

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