



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:01pm.
  - a. **Virtual:** Michelle Haynes (R10 Director), Trish Thibodo (Community Development), Eva Veitch (Community Living Services), Nancy Murphy (Small Business Resource Center), Dan Scinto (Business Loan Fund), Corey Bryndal (Broadband Project Director), Roland Mason (Chair, Gunnison County), Mary Bachran (Town of Paonia), Mary Hockenbery (Town of Hotchkiss), Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry (City of Delta), Les Mergelman (Delta County), Linda Riba (Montrose), Barbara Bynum (City of Montrose), Jon Waschbusch (Treasurer, Montrose County), Ben Tisdell (Ouray County), John Clark (Town of Ridgway), Kris Holstrom (Vice Chair, San Miguel County), DeLanie Young (Town of Telluride), Kristie Borchers (Hinsdale County), Chris Haver (Crested Butte), Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison), Michael Bacani (Mt. Crested Butte), Vince Rogalski (GVTPR),
  - b. **Guest:** Lisa Hemann with Chadwick, Steinkirchner, Davis & CO., P.C.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
**Motion to approve: M/S: Kristie Borchers/John Clark as accepted.** None opposed.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for January 27, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Motion to approve: M/S: DeLanie Young/Barbara Bynum as accepted.** None opposed.
4. **Business Items:**
  - a. **Audit**
    - i. Lisa Hemann, CPA with Chadwick, Steinkirchner, Davis & CO., P.C. summarized the findings of the annual audit that they performed.
    - ii. Nothing in the Financial Statements that was a “grey” area. No disagreements in with management
    - iii. Received everything that we needed from the audit. Had no problems getting the information that we needed.
    - iv. CARES Act Funding was the biggest new item in the audit. \$4.7 million
    - v. No compliance findings.
    - vi. Question from Board: Do the current assets include liquid assets as well? Response: Yes, it is probably mostly liquid. The decrease is due to an agreement under the DOLA grant for the City of Montrose to own fiber lines from the CNL to the community anchors, which was written off Region 10 assets this year. City of Delta has a similar agreement; however, we maintained an IRU for all fiber.
    - vii. Michelle noted that we closed out our 2 Broadband Grants and so we re-worked how we record our assets  
**Action Item:** Motion to accept the Audit. **M/S: Jim Gelwicks/John Clark as accepted.** None opposed.
5. **Reports:**
  - a. **Executive Director/Financial Report** – Michelle Haynes
    - i. Balance sheet is in good condition
    - ii. Seeing continued growth in grant.
    - iii. All programs are performing on or at their expected level of 6 month ending.
    - iv. We will be signing a cost for the construction for design and engineering. Current terms for the loan are included in the board packet.
  - b. **Small Business Resource Center** – Nancy Murphy
    - i. Gunnison training numbers continue to be low, but we are hoping that with our new hire, Callie Koch, those numbers will be brought up for the area.
    - ii. Hub & Spoke format of our Leading Edge program begins next week. We have been doing some HR Training and it has been proven to be timely. Nancy gets about 4-5 emails a week with questions about HR and what is legal.
    - iii. Live in person training on Thursday April 21 and in Gunnison on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> with Courtney Berg, our HR Consultant. The Employee Lifecycle, onboarding, the lifecycle of the employee, and offboarding/exiting.

- c. **Business Loan Fund – Dan Scinto**
  - i. Sarah Steffens, who has commercial banking experience, has accepted the Gunnison Business Loan Coordinator position.
  - ii. Loan Closings
    - 1. Closing on a Pilates studio in Paonia
    - 2. Yoga Studio in Delta
    - 3. Electrical Construction in Gunnison
    - 4. Manufacturing in Gunnison
  - iii. Loan funding is approved for Region 9 and Region 10 specifically slated for Start-Ups under new state program.
  
- d. **Community Development – Trish Thibodo**
  - i. We have just started housing meta data analysis. Under contract with Dynamic Planning & Science, which is a local firm.
    - 1. What is happening around housing, collecting Data, identifying needs, current conditions and impacts on region, and then ultimately possible solutions.
    - 2. Talked about ways that we could have living/dynamic information that can live on our/your websites.
    - 3. Goal is to be ahead of the curve and be able to attract housing development.
    - 4. Focus is on Workforce Attainable Housing.
    - 5. We have had 4 members express interest in being on a housing committee and we are looking for about 4 more.
    - 6. Good news is that we do get an extension on the EDA Grant, so we do not have to finish it out by June 31, 2022.
  - ii. USDA Grant is now public and there were press releases locally and through the USDA.
  - iii. Outdoor Rec Summit with a manufacturer’s focus is slated to be on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - iv. Enterprise Zone:
    - 1. Magic Circle Players – Montrose – Capital Campaign for renovations and upgrades.  
**Action Item:** Motion to approve EZCP for Magic Circle Players: **M/S: Roland Mason/Ben Tisdell** as accepted. None opposed.
    - 2. Gunnison Arts Center – Gunnison – Operations Campaign  
**Action Item:** Motion to approve EZCP for Gunnison Arts Center Operations: **M/S: Jim Gelwicks/John Clark** as accepted. None opposed.
    - 3. Region 10 SBRC – Operations – Has previously been a project and we are putting in an application for Operations, also in support of the Olathe Innovation Center.  
**Action Item:** Motion to approve EZCP for Magic Circle Players: **M/S: John Clark/Kristie Borchers** as accepted. None opposed.
  
- e. **Community Living Services – Eva Veitch**
  - i. Waiting to hear about grant for SB 290 for \$1.5 Million for the CASA/R10 project for supportive housing. They updated that we would hear about it by the end of the month.
  - ii. West End meal sites were closed permanently through VOA, we heard that this month. Working with the food coalition, etc.
    - 1. Mom’s meals are currently being delivered to 42 clients with 10 stable meals every 2 weeks.
  
- f. **Broadband – Corey Bryndal**
  - i. DOLA application in for Lake City, proceeding favorably and we are anticipating good news. Hoping for construction to begin this summer
  - ii. Fiber cut happened earlier this month just north of Colona that demonstrates the need for redundancy.
    - 1. There was no service in Ouray or San Miguel County in for about 12 hours due to that line being cut.
    - 2. Region 10 lines were working very well.
  - iii. Cottonwood Pass Fiber is live; we are working with partners to utilize the line.
  - iv. Mt Crested Butte CNL needs an HOA Agreement signed.
  - v. DOLA has funding available \$5 Million, and we do have a pending application along with Project Thor to expand service to Denver and also from Nucla down to Durango and Cortez.
  - vi. Working with DMEA to meet service request of ISP that wanted a larger line than we could provide with current levels of service.
  - vii. Talked with a partner about doing an audit of our technology currently negotiating the quote and narrowing the scope of service.

- viii. Front Range GigaPop: working to partner for access, which could extend their services to the 4 Universities on the Western Slope.
  - ix. Focus has been on Middle Mile rather than Last Mile for Federal dollars. We are tying them to the Last Mile projects to help gain more support for them.
- g. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee** – Vince Rogalski
- i. CDOT Report of Projects Completed, Projects Underway and Projects Planned.
  - ii. Region 5 meeting is tomorrow, and we will be discussing the projects for the next 4-10 years.
  - iii. MMOF: \$6 Million available in GVTPR region.
    - 1. SB 260 can be used for operating money of Transportation Agencies and so that would be good to apply for because it is ongoing funding.
    - 2. It is a requirement of the Application for you to be working with your CDOT representative
  - iv. US 50 Updates-will start construction again soon. See website for updated information.
  - v. Complete Street Training on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - vi. Bustang: Between Montrose & Crested Butte will be up and running once construction is completed on US 50

**Action Item:** Motion to approve Reports: **M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Kris Holstrom** as accepted. None opposed.

## 6. Roundtable Discussion

### a. Delta County:

- i. **Mary Hockenbery (Hotchkiss):** Election if coming up, mayor is uncontested. 4 positions open on the Council. Community Builders helped us to work on the Brownfields of the Public Works building, so it should be up for sale soon. This will be the last meeting for Mary with the end of her term coming. Now you can see her on the County Fair Board for Heritage Hall. Given a Governor's Creative Leadership award earlier this year. (Board offered Congratulations on the award.)
- ii. **Mary Bachran (Paonia):** Two pot shops are open, and business has just increased there. Significant source of income for the Town. A 3<sup>rd</sup> will open. Wine Bar with food open and another small restaurant have opened. Still have some Water issues and looking for a Temp IRC. Working on improving the infrastructure.
- iii. **Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry (City of Delta):** Have implemented the Main Street Demonstration, testing pedestrian friendly crosswalks, bike lane, parking, and outdoor dining space. Working with County & Library of the relocation of the library to the old City Market building. Meet-Up with manufacturing and entrepreneurship on March 7<sup>th</sup> with a focus on workforce skill and inventor skills. Closing on purchase of old Armory Building and begin renovation on that building as a police department. Senior housing project broke ground and that is 15? Units of Senior Housing.

### b. Montrose County:

- i. **Barbara Bynum (City):** CDOT is re-doing the Highway going through Montrose. We replace sewer and water lines in anticipation of that happening. Police building will be open in August as well.

### c. Ouray County:

- i. **John Clark (Town of Ridgway):** Space to Create building is shaping up, second floor is almost finished, and third floor will begin soon. Meeting prospective renters to look at leasing space and hopefully move people in late this summer. Election in April, John is running unopposed and there is no term limit, it will be his 6<sup>th</sup> Term. There are 6 people looking to fill 4 seats on Town Council.
- ii. **Ben Tisdell (Ouray County):** We have received a lot of snow and the pass has been closed. We had the Ice Climbing Festival and the format changed to go over 3 weekends. Telluride Foundation for a housing project with more information to come in March. Revising our Marijuana policy.

### d. San Miguel County:

- i. **DeLanie Young (Town of Telluride):** We have 4 finalists to interview for Town Manager. We currently have an interim Town Manager, and he is one of the Finalists. Units for Sunnyside we expect to have by July. Currently in the approval process for our Hark and Planning Committee. Slated to adopt update action plan in April. Amendments to noise ordinance to assist businesses that have amplified music to go longer than 9:30pm.

### e. Hinsdale

- i. **Kristie Borchers (Hinsdale County):** First large snow we just go through and so Avalanche Danger is high. Ice wall was expanded this year and there is double the Ice to climb. Working with Region 10 for a Co-Working Space. Ordered a new toilet for the peninsula. Welcoming new Town Manager in April. 4 Trustees that will all be seated so there is not a contested Trustee race but there is a Mayoral

election. Selling a county building to the school for partnership with a Daycare. We will be purchasing a County Administrative building with the funds from that, an upgrade from our 10x10.

f. **Gunnison County:**

- i. **Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison):** Gunnison has 3 annexation applications in process, to put in some housing units. Western is considering a housing project of about 200 units and the land that they were looking at was Colorado Land Board and so the size has been reduced to much more emphasis on Student housing about 100 units and 24 units for University employees. Gunnison and the area around it are served by 3 Fire units and there are some discussions of if there can be consolidation of those services.
- ii. **Michael Bacani (Mt Crested Butte):** Finalizing signage initiative to standardize the design. Expansion to the Water Plant and our capacity has greatly increased. Prepping for Spring Break coming up.
- iii. **Chris Haver (Crested Butte):** Looking at our Main Street with outdoor seating and parklets. Slimming down the parklets from 12 ft to 8ft sections. This will be in place for 2 years to gather data and make permanent decisions after that. Working on a parking model. Affordable Housing project, Butte 6, is in the works for 90 units with an RFP out.
- iv. **Roland Mason (Gunnison County):** Have a library project on schedule and an airport terminal remodel that had been delayed coming up. Had a record number of people moving through the airport this winter. Two Affordable housing projects with 250 units. One in the City (140) and one on the way to Crested Butte (180). Outrider programs are going on, with one section that is not connected currently. We will have a service from Mt. Crested Butte to Denver. Passed a licensing requirement for contractors to ensure that they have proper certification. Gunnison County has a local marketing district that is a 4% local tax on those that stay for small time frames that is only able to be used for marketing and we are looking to be able to use that funding for purposes like Daycare, Housing, etc. Roland is in his final term as well.

7. **Region 10 50th Anniversary:** Looking for feedback on how to celebrate that.

8. **Next Meetings:**

- a. Executive Committee Meeting, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 12pm-3pm

9. **Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at: 2:12pm**