



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:05pm.
  - a. **Virtual Zoom:** Michelle Haynes (Region 10), Trish Thibodo (Region 10), Dan Scinto (Region 10), Nancy Murphy (Region 10), Eva Veitch (Region 10), Corey Bryndal (Region 10), Courtney Rodwell (Region 10) Vince Rogalski (GVTPR), Roger Rash (Past Chair, Montrose County), Roland Mason (Chair, Gunnison County) Kris Holstrom (Vice Chair, San Miguel), Jon Waschbusch (Treasurer, Montrose County), DeLanie Young (Town of Telluride), Michael Bacani (Town of Mt. Crested Butte), Dave Roberts (Town of Lake City), Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison), Linda Riba (Montrose County), Barbara Bynum (City of Montrose), Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry (City of Delta), Patti Michael (Town of Cedaredge), Mary Bachran (Town of Paonia), Greg Levine (Hinsdale County), Mike Bordogna (San Miguel County), Chris Haver (Town of Crested Butte)
  
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
  - a. **Changes/Additions**
    - i. Opioid Abatement discussion requested by Jim Gelwicks  
**Motion to approve with addition/changes: M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Roger Rash as accepted.** None opposed.
  
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for December 2, 2021 Board Meeting**
  - a. **Strike item 6 under Community Development**  
**Motion to approve with changes: M/S: Roger Rash/Kris Holstrom as accepted.** None opposed.
  
4. **Business Items:**
  - a. **Building Expansion/Remodel:**
    - i. We continue to meet with Stryker on the remodel for 145 Cascade and our admin office. Stryker has proposed some soft costs for consideration. In order for us to go to bid we will need to finish our engineering design and do some soil tests, including about \$9,000-\$10,000 of costs to Stryker for services. Overall costs are estimated between \$45,000-55,000.
    - ii. Interest rate will be locked in with the application for a loan secured by the existing building. Since we are not currently carrying a mortgage on our building now, we would borrow our estimated costs of construction for \$600,000 as a loan on the building and use it for our costs rather than taking a traditional construction loan. We can use the line of credit to cover the initial design/engineering costs.  
**Action Item:** Motion to approve soft costs for engineering and design with an estimated cost of \$55,000. **M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Roger Rash as accepted.** None opposed.
  - b. **Deed of Trust**
    - i. A cost of about \$37,000 per year
    - ii. Is this anticipated to increase the dues from Region 10 members and what might those costs.
      1. We have been looking at our dues and during the previous recession we did not increase dues. We did not increase Member Dues at in the previous year due to the pandemic, but we were looking to bring the conversation to increase dues to our members given the additional programming implemented over the last few years. It is not anticipated to increase to cover the costs of the remodel.
    - iii. Why are we not going for the DOLA tier 2 Grant?
      1. We could look at the grant. And then we would have to look at the construction and labor impacts. At the previous meeting the board had directed us to the financing option.
      2. There might have been potential opportunities lost if we went with the grant process.  
**Action Item:** Pursue the deed of trust in the amount of \$600,000 from Alpine Bank **M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Roger Rash as accepted.** None opposed.
  - c. **New Programs/Positions Update:**
    - i. We have decided to move forward with two positions in Gunnison:
      1. Loan Fund Manager
      2. SBDC Program Coordinator

3. We have looked at a space in Gunnison that we are considering leasing that available March 1. around March 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim Gelwicks mentioned that if there is anything that the City can do in helping to promote it.
    - ii. Rural Entrepreneur Project Manager current being advertised (from DOLA REDI funding).
    - iii. Olathe will have multiple positions in addition to the Rural Entrepreneur Manager:
      1. Regional Kitchen Coordinator, serving Olathe and other communities.
      2. Program Assistant for the Olathe Program
    - iv. We are also hiring a Program Assistant for the Area Agency on Aging
  - d. Regional Housing Data RFP
    - i. Dynamic Planning and Science
      1. Ethan Mobley & other local consultants from various areas of the Western Slope, including Gunnison and Leadville.
    - ii. Would like a small Committee would be directing the project which includes:
      1. Overview of current Housing Development, etc...
      2. Identifying unmet needs
      3. Looking at impacts to housing, market forces,
      4. Key Findings & Possible Solutions
    - iii. We have been notified that we are able to request a 6-month extension on our EDA grant which we think will give us more opportunity.
    - iv. Jim Gelwicks will volunteer to be a board member to review that. Are all the qualifications that we are seeking available to in the report.
    - v. Elyse, Roger and Kris also volunteer to be on the review committee
- Action Item:** Motion to approve housing RFP from Dynamic Planning and Science proposal. **M/S Jim Gelwicks/Roger Rash.** None opposed.
- e. Opioid money is putting together a statewide board of 12 officials for the distribution of that money. The area that we are in will have two appointees does anyone have the name of an elected official that would be interested in being on that board? Board discussed that CML and CCI are working on the board member recommendations.

## 5. Reports:

- a. **Executive Director/Financial Report** – Michelle Haynes
  - i. We have been working on our non-quarterly reports. You will see that we have a negative balance of \$150,000 and that would seem to be because of timing when we processed AAA payments, which were held until funding was received from the State agency.
  - ii. Programs are mostly where we are expecting them to be from our budgets.
  - iii. Audit is finalized and we didn't have any findings. We will plan to present that in February.
- b. **Small Business Resource Center** – Nancy
  - i. CASE in Telluride gave us a grant for twice as much as they usually do, approximately \$5,000.
  - ii. In the SBDC database we report on an annual basis. Consulting numbers are down but that is due to the workshop training numbers being up.
  - iii. We got the SBRC advisory committee meeting back up and running and they will meet the first Thursday of the Quarter.
  - iv. For programming we are collaborating and partnering with the Northwest SBDC and the Central Mountain SBDC to provide a broader range of programs cost-effectively.
  - v. HR Series continues through February, and will have an in-person training later in the spring.
  - vi. Beginning in March we will begin our LEADING EDGE Strategic Business planning class.
  - vii. Callie Cook out of Crested Butte has accepted our offer for the Gunnison SBDC Consultant.
- c. **Business Loan Fund** – Dan Scinto
  - i. Loan closings are at 2 for the month. There is an increased number of inquiries coming in. Attended a couple of different meetings to get the word out about the Loan Fund and what we can do with it.
  - ii. SBA analyst in Washington DC has been reassigned and so we will be receiving a new analyst who will help us with our SBA Loans and our SBA TA grant.
  - iii. We will have a good visible location on Main in Gunnison that will help us in closely working with the workforce center there.
  - iv. We have an offer out to a Loan Coordinator for Gunnison and are waiting for a response.

- d. **Community Development** – Trish Thibodo
  - i. We were not selected for the first phase of the Build Back Better program. We are still working with those partner organizations to help find other implementation funds.
  - ii. Worked with Delta on submitting an application for Office of Just Transitions for a tier 2 community. For them to expand their business industrial park. Then we will seek additional funding for construction.
  - iii. Mid last year we did submit a second REDI grant that was approved and that will expand the position in the Olathe Business Center.
  - iv. Meeting with Colorado Outdoors and we are looking to do an outdoor recreation summit that is geared towards the Outdoor Rec Manufacturers. It would be hosted in Montrose and we are looking at June for that summit.
  - v. Our roadmap to recovery Project with the High Alpine Communities is moving forward They are more focused on what they are doing around access to public lands and impacts from potential disasters.
  - vi. Southwest Workforce council, Tech College, CMU Montrose, Delta County School District are working to develop workforce pathways. There is a grant program coming out that is focused on regional projects under consideration.
  - vii. Have started meeting with the Olathe steering committee for the RISE project.
  - viii. CEDS was approved by EDA. We had our first CEDS Steering committee in January. In future meetings we will be highlighting specific goals/actions from the CEDS.
  - ix. Data Dashboard we are looking to expand our dashboards to include some more credit card information, cell phone data, etc. We are looking at how to present that information on our website. It will help us to understand who is residing here, visiting here and how they are spending money in the area.
  
- e. **Community Living Services** – Eva Veitch
  - a. We are waiting on word for Senate Bill 290 grant request for assistance with the CASA/Sr supportive housing project and have heard that we will know more in Late winter or early spring.
    - i. Mom’s meals are still continuing in the West End and San Miguel. Staffing continues to be an issue with service delivery.
    - ii. Finalizing negotiations with Community Options for the consumer directed home care program, which should be up and running next month.
    - iii. Contracted with a new coordinator for our RSVP Program in Gunnison County – Pat Lazerus will be housed out of the Gunnison Senior Center.
    - iv. We have heard from many of our senior centers about them not being very well utilized and so I have been meeting with them to see how we can create more energy and better utilize the space.
    - v. We are having a volunteer fair in Delta on the 8th in February.
    - vi. We are working with MADA in Montrose to see if we can do some programming there to improve our outreach to the Hispanic community.
    - vii. Community para-medicine is up and running in Delta County. In November and December, we provided 23 para-medicine visits that helped to prevent 23 visits to the ER for Seniors.
  
- f. **Broadband** – Corey Bryndal
  - i. DOLA application for Lake City has been submitted. It is out to the reviewers and then it will go to committee and up for approval.
  - ii. Ouray County: we have had some good meetings with IRUs there that are soon to go in place. ISP has been growing there and we are working to finalize agreements.
  - iii. There was fiber cut north of Colonna on a Century Link line. This exposed the single threaded nature of the incumbent. It opens the door for conversations about getting some redundancy in the lines.
  - iv. Telluride Foundation continues to work on the right of way issues on the Tri State route and a couple of land owners that are holding up construction on that line.
  - v. Gunnison & Crested Butte we have several reels of Fiber ready in Gunnison Electric that will be used to complete the line between them. We are seeking grant funding for the project.
  - vi. Mt. Crested Butte CNL: Vail resorts has been helpful in securing a space for a CNL. We do have interested ISP that would like to build or expand that are interested in Crested Butte.
  - vii. Colorado Department of Local Affairs has middle mile funding that is available there. We have included an application for the Western portion of Colorado to provide a backbone for the Western Communities.
  - viii. Had discussions with folks in Cortez and Durango about expanding connection there.
  - ix. DMEA and the Elevate fiber project has been very engaging. There are a number of areas where we can collaborate on.

- x. We have clients of Region 10 and they have been helpful in pricing out additional bandwidth for them.
- xi. Standard audit of existing equipment and lines. We will be doing some validation of lines.
- xii. We have met with Front Range GigaPop and they are focused on Education. They offer access to research and education efforts. We would like to take the 4 Western universities and connect them to the Front Range GigaPop.

g. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee** – Vince Rogalski

- i. 4 Chairs for Region 3 met on Monday and they discussed the Year 4 projects.
  - 1. For our area, State Hwy 92, Hotchkiss to Crawford will get some work done on it for \$3.6 Million
  - 2. Rogers Mesa received \$7 million,
  - 3. Improvement in passing lanes on US 50
- ii. Talked with Amber Blake at CDOT Transit about a bus route from Gunnison to Montrose and that is planned to start once Little Blue Canyon is finished.
- iii. MMOF funding for \$6 million will be available for applications soon. Non-profits can also apply for funding from this category.
- iv. As of right now we are not scheduled for a GVTPR meeting. It might be helpful to get one scheduled so that we are applying for projects with this money.
- h. Next full Board meeting is scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> and there is some conflict with the CCI meeting. Do we want to look at moving the meeting. Board decides to leave the meeting on February 24.

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

6. **DOLA Update** – Dana Hlavac

- a. Next Tuesday, Dec 7, 2021, is the Energy Impact Hearings
- b. Housing grants applications ends next week.

7. **Roundtable Discussion**

a. **Delta County:**

- i. **Patti Michael (Cedaredge):** Lost our interim Town Admin and our Mayor. Our interim Town Admin is Kami Collins. Mayor seat and 4-5 Trustees in April. We had the dog sled races this past weekend that was well attended. We are working on watering for our sewer system for the last 4 years and with the help of Kami we have received our permit. We have already approved 5 new water taps this year. We have paved 5 roads so far this year with Delta County.
- ii. **Mary Bachran (Paonia):** We have a lot of open positions. Public works position has resigned. And we are looking for a Police Chief. Town Attorney has been recently hired and he is onboarding.
- iii. **Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry (City of Delta):** If you are driving through Delta we are closing Main Street to start our revitalizing Mainstreet project. We are replacing a lift station. Awarding \$150,000 in grants to our businesses on Main Street for façade improvements.

b. **San Miguel County:**

- i. **Mike Bordogna (San Miguel County):** We have hired an assistant Town Manager. We have created a new community housing zone. The Sunnyside project is well underway. Norwood project is going in front of the trustees for 24 units. Regional Housing Authority is hiring. Manager position (\$70-85,000) deadline is the 18<sup>th</sup>. The Town of Mountain Village has a new Town Manager. County Assessor is retiring after 24 years. Sheriff is running for office again after 44 years. There are 3 young folks from the Telluride area participating in the Olympics.
- ii. **Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County):** Norwood housing project and the trustees will have a vote on the preliminary plat. WEEDC put in an application for a collaborative water grant. Affordable housing zone is in process. Dedicated our new Sherriff's annex in Norwood. Interviewing for an assistant county manager. Telluride Ski Area does open tomorrow even despite the lack of snow.
- iii. **DeLanie Young (Town of Telluride):** Internet and phone outage on Tuesday. Sunnyside housing project is taking shape and the committee will be meeting next week and we will be looking at lease pricing. Named an interim acting manager. We are recruiting for a permanent manager

c. **Montrose County:**

- i. **Barbara Bynum:** City of Montrose is hiring a new city attorney. Police building is scheduled to open up this August. Ampitheater that we built last year will be open for programing. URA continues to bring in businesses. Shelter distillery has opted to open a business here.
- ii. **Roger Rash:** Airport is moving forward with the auxiliary parking. Working through the process of fair and equitable actions for some change orders.

d. **Gunnison County:**

- i. **Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison):** Working on the Lazy K housing project with 55 units and we have modified the building agreement there so that the builder can move a bit faster. University is pursuing a grant for an incubator that would expand the ICELab's capabilities. The city is working with legislators to improve substandard housing. We received a grant at our emergency services building.
- ii. **Michael Bacani (Mt Crested Butte):** Holiday rush is over. We have received 100 inches of snow and that was good for the ski area. Corey summed up a lot of what is going on and Broadband is making way. Regional housing, the Homestead development the town has started conversations with an attorney as the builder has told us that they are unable to do the project at all. 20 people have put in applications and some entered contracts for those affordable housing units.
- iii. **Chris Haver (Crested Butte):** Looking at 100 units of mixed unit housing project. Added on to the side of town where we will be putting in a Fire Station and we are hoping to also put in 70 units there this summer.

e. **Hinsdale**

- i. Greg Levine (Hinsdale County): Opioid Abatement council, if you are on the current council can still be considered.
- ii. Dave Roberts (Lake City): We have hired a new town manager that will be moving here in April or May and housing is an issue. This upcoming weekend on February 5th we have the cannibal snow shoe race and ice climbing. Town has expanded our Ice Park. Week of the 12<sup>th</sup> we have the San Cristobal Brewski and you ski around the lake and drink beer and an Ice Golf tournament.

8. **Next Meetings:**

- a. BLF Committee Meeting: February 24, 2022, 10-11a.m.
- b. Board of Directors Meeting: February 24, 2022, Noon-3p.m.

9. **Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at: 2:06pm**