



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:05pm.
 - 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), Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry (City of Delta), Jon Waschbusch (Treasurer, Montrose County), Ben Tisdal (Ouray County), John Clark (Town of Ridgway), Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County), DeLanie Young (Town of Telluride), Greg Levine (Hinsdale County), Dave Roberts (Town of Lake City) , Michael Bacani (Mt. Crested Butte), Vince Rogalski (GVTPR),
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve: M/S: Kris Holstrom /Ben Tisdal as accepted. None opposed.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for Feb 24, 2022 Board Meeting**

Motion to approve: M/S: Ben Tisdal/Kris Holstrom as accepted. None opposed.
4. **Business Items:**
 - a. None
5. **Reports:**
 - a. **Executive Director/Financial Report** – Michelle Haynes
 - i. Included the Reconciliation
 - ii. Cash position is in a decent position and one of our goals is to grow the reserve.
 - iii. Increase in the SBA TA grant of about 10%. We are trying to leverage that into our communities.
 - iv. Negative net margin is probably because we reconcile grants quarterly and we have not yet don that
 - v. Appraisal came in lower than we expected. We have a little over \$1.1 million invested in the building and the appraisal came in at \$875,000. New loan against the building would be about \$510,000.
 1. Signed an agreement for design and engineering. They did take out the project management fees out of their cost for now.
 - vi. 50th Anniversary: we are thinking about a luncheon in August or September. We were maybe thinking invitation only and Region 10 would cover the cost. If you think of people that should be invited, please let us know.
 1. Ben: Previous people who have been instrumental over the years should be invited.
 2. Roland: Mentioning expansion of Region 10, especially surrounding Broadband.
 - vii. Ben: When was the last update of the employee manual?
 1. 2008, we are hoping to have a draft for you all in May.
 - b. **Small Business Resource Center** – Nancy Murphy
 - i. Consulting numbers are low, and we are looking at a few solutions to bring those numbers up:
 1. Marketing campaign for them to inform people of our services.
 2. Looking to recruit some new consultants
 3. Coffee & Conversations: with Consultant Matt Evans to talk with Small Businesses
 - ii. Training is lower than last year. We are at about 39 participants
 - iii. Beginning Foodie Fridays on April 1st. Cottage foods is first and then Food Trucks in May
 - iv. Employee 101: In person in Gunnison on Wednesday the 20th, and then Thursday April 21st at Cascade Hall.
 - v. Gunnison office is moving forward. The employees there are onboarded, and they are meeting people in the community.
 - c. **Business Loan Fund** – Dan Scinto
 - i. 4 loan closings for the month
 - ii. Interest remains strong
 1. Focused on service type industries and some hospitality.

- iii. We are including partners in rolling these folks out.
 - iv. The growth in the SBA TA grant is integral to the Gunnison Office
 - v. BLF Conference in April with a focus in new Start-Up Loan Fund.
 - vi. Energize Grants
 - 1. Approved 15 grants so far for \$78,000
 - 2. We are finding that the applications from rural areas are submitted with a large extent of fraud.
- d. **Community Development** – Trish Thibodo
- i. **Enterprise Zone:** Renewal Project
 - 1. Delta Health Foundation

Action Item: Motion to approve Delta Health Foundation. **M/S: Kris Holstrom/Ben Tisdal as accepted.** None opposed.
 - ii. Datafy is continuing to work to collect regional data.
 - iii. Partnering with CO Outdoors for a Regional Outdoor Recreation Product Summit – July 15, 2022 (Montrose)
 - iv. Innovation Center – We have put out our Request for Quotes, required walk-through on Monday, hope to have a contractor selected by the end of April.
 - 1. We are looking for a Rural Entrepreneur Coordinator for the Center and if you know of anyone please let us know or send them to our website “Work With Us”.
- e. **Community Living Services** – Eva Veitch
- i. We did not receive grant request for SB 290. But there is still some money on the table for that so we are looking at re-applying from a different approach.
 - ii. Program Assistant for CLS started and she is bi-lingual.
 - iii. San Miguel & West End, I will be in Nucla tomorrow to discuss the meals programs. We are still using Mom’s meals.
 - 1. With our surveys out we have recognized that seniors in Marble & Somerset are at a lack of services. And so, we have expanded the Mom’s Meals program to the entire region. We can use our federal dollars for this program.
 - iv. Scam going around about Social Security benefits and their COLA Adjustments. It may be good to include in utility bills.
- f. **Broadband** – Corey Bryndal
- i. We got a couple of exciting announcements
 - 1. Grant for Hinsdale County did get approved.
 - 2. Awarded just under \$4 million to do our Denver to Durango project addition and it has no match. In partnership with project Thor and between the two it is about \$6 million. It is without match because it will serve beyond just Region 10.
 - ii. Gunnison to Crested Butte is on hold. We are looking for funding to move that project forward. We are working with DMEA to increase our supply.
 - iii. We are buying a link on Cottonwood Pass to get us connected.
 - iv. Working with San Miguel County to get the Norwood to Telluride connection finalized.
 - v. **Roland:** Could you explain how the grant that we received adds to the idea of the Hub & Spoke?
 - 1. This has broad implications. It has benefits to Region 10 and all the communities along the line. It brings the benefit of connecting to Denver and Grand Junction as well as pushing those benefits the other communities around us.
 - vi. **Ben:** Is it worth it to go to Mountain Connect this year?
 - 1. Yes, there is a Broadband 101 that helps those who are new to the topic understand what we are doing.
 - 2. Our communities need to do the planning and then seek out the funding source.
 - 3. Will be there Tuesday, May 24th.
 - 4. There are typically a lot of people there that you want to connect with.
- g. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee** – Vince Rogalski
- i. Denver STAC & Transportation Commission – Green House Gas Rule and Transit. Developing procedures and policies. What are the mitigation lists going to be?
 - 1. MPO’s are likely to be the most affected.
 - 2. How does this affect rural areas?
 - 3. 46% reduction in GHG
 - ii. Transit funding may be reduced.

- iii. Report on what Plow Drivers have to do with dealing with the public. Brought up that in our Mountain Communities, drivers could cause a death because of lack of respect to plow drivers.
- iv. Construction on Blue Mesa is to continue April 4th.
- v. MMOF Funding – this round has \$6.2 million:
 - 1. Last time with the MMOF a project for All Points was award \$315,000 to do the design of the region transit in Montrose.
 - 2. The TPR makes the decision on which projects are funded. Region 3 and Region 5 must be involved sooner than later. You have to meet with them before the application can be submitted to the MMOF
 - a. Region 3 has a deadline of a date to meet as May 6th.
 - b. Region 5 has a deadline of...
 - 3. This is a great opportunity for communities to get involved.
 - 4. Match funds have been decided already a list of these match funds may have already been sent out depending on the Municipality applying.
 - a. Determined by value of housing, level of income, various communities are considered disadvantaged, how good is your community doing?
 - b. You can apply for a reduction in the Match, send a letter to the TPR (Vince) and he can make a case for the reduction if needed.
 - 5. Region 5 is looking at making a Pedestrian underpass part of the MMOF Funding.
- vi. CDOT is applying for 3 mobility hubs on the Western Slope. But we are unsure what ones are included in that.
- vii. Mentioned that MMOF funding has 1 year 3 months left in it. That is for the previous round of funding. The new round of funding will come out in June/July of this year and will have its own funding.
- viii. Meet with CDOT representative first: need budget and project, they will help streamline the process and then help put together the packet for an application to the GVTPR.

6. Roundtable Discussion

- a. **Montrose County:**
 - i. **Jon Waschbusch (Montrose County):** Courthouse out for bid Early 2023. Trying to cost estimate that project has been difficult with the constant changes in building and supplies. Airport is on-time and under budget.
- b. **Hinsdale**
 - i. **Greg Levine (Hinsdale County):**
- c. **Ouray County:**
 - i. **Ben Tisdal (Ouray County):** Excited about the Region 9.5 project that we are working on with Trish. Trying to pay attention to the infrastructure bill opportunities. We are working on a housing project with the Telluride Foundation. There are a lot of CDOT projects taking place in the Ouray/Montrose areas.
- d. **San Miguel County:**
 - i. **Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County):** Working on the Senior Meals in the region. We are experienced more and more homeless, even though we tend to know them by name. Is there ever a time when the Basin Clinic, Uncompahgre Center can come together and discuss the region's medical needs. Had groundbreaking for the housing project in Norwood next to the library, 24 units. The county had done a community county zone. Our school board was served with a letter of intent to sue the school board over critical race theory, masks, etc. They had a meeting to have over 600 people attend and those who spoke were supporting the school board. The letter is a scare tactic that is being seen across the state.
- e. **Gunnison County:**
 - i. **Michael Bacani (Mt Crested Butte):** Ski season is winding down and closing in just over a week. We have relieved our Town Manager of their duties and have a temporary Town Manager to take the spot. We are on the lookout for a new Town Manager.
 - ii. **Roland Mason (Gunnison County):** Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority is looking for an ED search for that position. We should have that position posted in the next couple of weeks. Airport project on schedule to be complete sometime in July. The House Bill 22-1117 the local marketing district funds and lodging tax funds. An LMD is a 4% tax that is added on to beds, it will allow us to be more flexible with the spending. IF we want to change the funding from marketing to housing or childcare you have to make the case about how it will make a stay better. We go an update from the Board of Trustees from the hospital that also manages our elderly care center that they are operating at a deficit. They have had to lower the number of residents that they are able to take in due to the lack of staffing. 38 beds are being utilized with a maximum of 50 available but they are unable to fill those. Road & Bridge generally operates within the

gas tax, the funding that they are able to utilize are depleted. The reserves are depleted and so we are faced with going to the public to help fund Road & Bridge. This may mean that we will need to cut back on the Road & Bridge operations. We are contemplating adding some defensible space mitigation practices within our Fire Departments with the example that was set by the brush fire in Boulder last year.

7. **Next Meeting:**

- a. Executive Committee Meeting, April 28th, 12pm-3pm – Virtual

8. **Action Item:** Motion to Adjourn **M/S: Kris Holstrom/Michael Bacaini.** None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:55pm

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