



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:03.
 - a. **In Person:** 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 (Gunnison/GVTPR)
 - b. **Hybrid on Zoom:** Roland Mason (Chair, Gunnison County) Kris Holstrom (Vice Chair, San Miguel), Kristie Borchers (Hinsdale County), Ben Tisdel (Ouray County), Les Mergelman (Delta County), Mary Bachran (Paonia), Jon Waschbusch (Montrose County), Jim Schmidt (Crested Butte), Michael Bacani (Mt Crested Butte)
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - a. Addition of Enterprise Zone Approval: Business Items c.
Motion to approve with addition: M/S: Kris Holstrom/Ben Tisdel as accepted. None opposed.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for August 26, 2021, Board Meeting**
Motion to approve: M/S: Ben Tisdel/Kristie Borchers as accepted. None opposed.
4. **Business Items:**
 - a. **Grant Update/Approval:** Have not yet heard back from the USDA. Economic Adjustment Grants are due October 1st.
 - i. Submitted DOLA REDI Grant for Entrepreneur Program and now submitting for the second grant for Kitchen Center.
 - ii. Match USD: 80/20, REDI is 25% year 1 and 50% year 2 – receiving building lease in-kind that is a match, with investment from Montrose County, Olathe, Delta County.
 - iii. **Kristie:** Hinsdale County is also submitting a REDI Grant for a Hub
 - iv. **City of Delta:** Is also submitting for a potential CO-Working Space.
 - v. **Amounts:** EDA: \$1.6 million (just under 80% ask on that, \$1.2 million), REDI Grant: \$250,000 ask
Action Item: Support the Olathe Business Center with Grant Application Approve Grants for the 2nd Round of the REDI Grant for \$250,000 and EDA Grant for \$1.6 Million
Motion to Approve: M/S: Jon Waschbusch/Ben Tisdel. None opposed.
 - b. **Build Back Better Grant:** Trish overviewed: 50-60 Phase 1 Regions who are then eligible for Phase 2 (20-30) funding next year.
 - i. **AGNC, Just Transitions, Southeastern Utah:** Phase 2 application \$500,000 to fund Regional Economic Development Competitive Coordinator. Supports pre-development applications.
 - ii. Increase Regional Coordination throughout our communities, including broadband connection to NW area of state.
 - iii. AGNC is facing Hayden shutting down their Power Plant
 - iv. Rail Transportation Hub in Grand Junction.
 - v. Basic Infrastructure rather than new industries.
 1. Manufacturing Innovation Centers
 - vi. Regional Applicant for Phase 1 and then each of the Communities will put in individual applications for Phase 2. Will be competitive (on a call today with 600 other people) Fairly good chance for Phase 1 because of the coal-impacted communities.
 - vii. Discussion:
 1. Roland: Think it is a good idea to work with the Northwest Region especially to get Broadband connection, (Broadband GAP and infrastructure study for Broadband in the Northern part of the state.)
 2. Ben Tisdel: Were other areas of coordination discussed? Would like to see regional water coordination. We are partnering with AGNC Associated Governments of Northern Colorado. Northwest COGs Coordination on water is something that we can reach out and talk with them about their work on water.
 3. Will be meeting up with Northwest COG about Broadband?

4. One of the benefits of Region 10 not being first to the table on Broadband was that we got to see what other communities did and see how to improve upon what they had done. Goal with broadband is to connect all of our regions.

Action Item: EDA Build Back Better Grant for Phase 1 with intention to move forward with a Phase 2

Motion: M/S: Ben Tisdell/Kris Holstrom None opposed.

c. **Final CEDS Approval**

Action Item: Approve the Final Draft of the CEDS as presented

Motion to Approve: M/S: Roland Mason/Ben Tisdell None opposed.

d. **Enterprise Zone Approval: Home Trust of Ouray County**

- i. Goal of expanding housing for workforce housing. In the process of obtaining their 501c3
- ii. Land donations and donations

Action Item: Approve Home Trust of Ouray County for becoming an Enterprise Zone Project

Motion to Approve: M/S: Ben Tisdell/Kristie Borchers. None opposed.

5. **Reports:**

a. **Executive Director/Financial Report** – Michelle Haynes

- i. Did not bring financial statements, working on June 30th statements for the audit in November.
- ii. Making a large broadband adjustment to the financials as the grants have ended.
- iii. Jo Lance accountant that has been working with us for a bit over year and is doing an outstanding job with them.
- iv. Gotten new program funding: SBA TA was a large increase (SBDC will be doubled over the next 4 years.)
 1. From \$80,000 to \$160,000 and the first half will be a match of \$80,000
 2. Continuing to work with WEEDC, considering a new position in Gunnison to serve the Gunnison and Hinsdale County Area.
 3. Looking for some contracted positions in the Ouray or Delta County area.
 4. Been approached by some of the communities that feel like they could use some additional capacity for writing grants or understanding what is out there. Supported by Kris & Ben.
 - a. It's not just grant writing but also the grant administration and management.

b. **Small Business Resource Center** – Nancy

- i. Training numbers are larger and consulting numbers are smaller
- ii. Developing 2022 programming.
- iii. Susan is teaching the Smart Start class and about 4-5 people are attending about every 3 weeks
- iv. Are now in the 3rd week of the Business Leading Edge Class with about 10 people.
- v. Attending the annual SBDC meeting.
 1. Stimulus, Debt & Debt Ceiling, Unemployment and Housing all potential problems for the amount of recovery.

c. **Business Loan Fund** – Dan Scinto

- i. Received a payment on a charged-off loan.
- ii. Operating part of the loan program is going well
- iii. CHFA has funded the Colorado Credit Reserve Program – borrower agrees to register loan with CHFA,
 1. \$190,000 Reserve for Loan Loss – Allows us to take on riskier loans, helps us with start-ups, and un-bankable loans.
- iv. Matt Evans works with CASA in Montrose and he does a financial literacy program for them and we have discussed identifying someone with an entrepreneurial spirit that has gone through the CASA Transitional housing program and his financial literacy program we could put together a small loan for a start-up for them.

d. **Community Development** – Trish Thibodo

i. **Roadmap to Recovery:**

1. Had first meeting last week, with two more meetings in the beginning of October.
2. Other items (grants) discussed in the first portion of the meeting.

e. **Community Living Services** – Eva Veitch

- i. VOA, who is the vendor for Senior CommUnity meals in 7 locations, has mandated vaccines and we have lost the key chef/cook in the West End. Filling that program with Mom's Meals in the meantime while a cook is being hired. Older Americans Act funding will be paying for that.
- ii. We will lose frozen meals in Montrose but we can fill that in with the Shepherd's Hand meal program.
- iii. Volunteer Recognition Event next week – expecting about 50-60 of our volunteers.
- iv. Struggling to get the community para-medicine program up and running. Seems like some of the problem is that these outlying communities do not want to pay to come to Montrose/Delta. In some counties the

Fire Chiefs and the Ambulance Districts do not feel like there is a need for Para-Medicine. And so I am reaching out to key community members to shift the thinking about Para-Medicine.

1. Roland Mason & Kris Holstrom: Will you send some of the contacts that you have reached out to in Gunnison so that I can reach out as well to discuss.
- f. **Broadband** – Michelle for Corey Bryndal
- i. Corey is at a meeting in Cortez today about expanding network connections.
 - ii. Hinsdale County grant is getting finished up for submittal next week for Broadband to Lake City
 - iii. Discussion with private providers about service in Pitkin. There is a line to Ohio City that could possibly be connected.
 - iv. San Miguel County: Telluride Foundation in discussion with Tri-State regarding easement perfection.
 - v. Gunnison County line between Gunnison and Crested Butte and up to Mt Crested Butte and we got some good news that the fiber line between Crested Butte and Mt Crested Butte is in good shape; working on potential funding for project.
- g. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee** - Vince Rogalski
- i. Transportation Commission usually does a road trip in September and it is to identify and let everyone know what is going on with I-70 with the damage from flooding and to visit both of the control centers for the tunnels. Working on a box culvert that channels water from the freeway to the River.
 1. Eisenhower tunnel has a lot of need for
 2. Hanging Lakes Tunnel control center is in the middle of the tunnel.
 - ii. Money from different sources coming in from CDOT
 1. Revitalizing Main Street Program (Montrose & Delta got money from the first round and were 2 of 16 projects funded); Round 2 opened up because they received so much interest. Those that were not funded in round 1 are encouraged to apply once open.
 2. MMOF Multi Modal Mitigation Option Fund: give each of the TPRs a pot of money and the people within the region can apply to the TRP and the TRP makes the final decision on projects that receive money.
 - a. PA Stimulus Money
 - b. Senate Bill 260
 - iii. Mike Snow will provide a full presentation at the TPR meeting next week. If you have Multi Modal projects those are things that you should be thinking about and attend the TPR meeting next week. It is beneficial that the TPR gets to decide for the allocation to the projects.
 1. Bike & Pedestrian Projects, including trails.
 2. Reducing transportation on the roads is the goal of these projects.
 - iv. 10-Year Projects: While communities are not required to reduce Greenhouse Gases CDOT is required by the state. And so CDOT will be reprioritizing projects based on reductions of Greenhouse Gases.
 - v. Meetings for TPR: besides the meeting next week they would like to have 2 more TPR meetings by the end of the year. How does Region 3 & 5 CDOT, when do they want these meetings to happen.

Motion to approve Reports: M/S: as accepted. None opposed.

6. Roundtable Discussion

a. San Miguel County:

- i. **Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County):** Continuing the Broadband project. Mask mandate for public indoor places and it is likely that will continue a little longer. Water fluency class that I am taking. On Monday we had a field trip with the San Miguel Watershed Partnership. Regenerative Ag tour is scheduled so that they can see 6 different agricultural areas.
- ii. **Mike Bordogna (San Miguel County):** Telluride Valley Floor project is finishing up with the restoration. Approved sketch plan for commercial and residential development.

b. Ouray County:

- i. **Ben:** San Miguel Power Authority...We are looking for potential property acquisition for housing. Silver mine is picking up production and they turned on the milling plant. We will see demands on housing and transit from that. Started our recreation planning in conjunction with San Miguel & Gunnison counties

c. Gunnison County:

- i. **Jim Schmidt (Crested Butte):** Sales Tax continues to grow. Raise sales tax to 9.9%, \$H2500 flat rate tax for home owners who ... Electric vehicles for our budget next year, for any vehicle that we replace. Ordered a hybrid loader.
- ii. **Michael Bacani (Mt Crested Butte):** Having an open house for our community next week. Have a couple of housing items going on, PUD for the North Village is being worked through with the Planning Commission.

22-Unit affordable housing was supposed to be completed this fall and best case is that it looks like early summer next year to be finished. The families who had contracts are now displaced.

- iii. **Roland Mason (Gunnison County):** We just passed a controversial measure to land use resolution....Have a mask mandate in our School system that was put into place last week. Saw a spike in the Delta variant and the School System voted to put that into place. Strong sales tax as well with the county up 26% since last year. Brush Creek Intersection meeting on October 7th at 4:30pm at the Elevation Hotel on Mt Crested Butte.

d. **Montrose County:**

- i. **Jon Waschbusch:** Expansion for Montrose Regional Airport has been approved and is for \$33.1 million. 20,000 square feet of additional space with terminals and restaurant spaces. 2021 is expected to be a record year and we are greatly exceeding 2019 numbers. At the south end of the terminal, we will be adding another 5,000 square feet for ticketing. Southwest has continued their schedule. Delta will be back for ski season. 8,000 square feet within the terminal to retrofit and provide an additional story for baggage claims. We were at 100% capacity if not over for parking throughout the summer. Sales tax is up. Acceptance of positions have been rescinded because of lack of housing for those recruits. Budget Prep and presenting to BOCC on October 11th.

7. **Next Meetings:**

- a. Gunnison Valley Regional Transportation Planning Region: Tentative September 30, 2021, 10am
- b. Executive Committee: Oct 28, 2021, Noon-3pm
- c. Board of Directors Meeting: Dec 2, 2021 Noon-3pm
- d. BLF Committee Meeting: Dec 2, 2021 Noon-3pm

8. **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn: M/S: Kris Holstrom/Roland Mason. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned at: 2:18pm