



Region 10 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2023
In Person at Region 10 office with a Zoom Video Conference

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), Aris Freeborn (Executive & Finance Assistant), Gavin Lindsey (Community Development Intern), Nancy Murphy (Small Business Development), Courtney Rodwell (Program & Office Coordinator)
 - b. **Board Members:** Don Suppes (Delta County), John Clark (Chair, Town of Ridgway), Vince Rogalski (GVTPR/STAC), Dave Frank (Vice Chair, City of Montrose), Kris Holstrom (Past Chair, San Miguel County), Dave Roberts (Town of Lake City), Robert Hurd (Hinsdale County), Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry (City of Delta), Michael Bacani (Town of Mt Crested Butte), Jon Waschbush (Montrose County), Roger Rash (Montrose County). Greg Hart (Town of Cedaredge), DeLanie Tapson (Town of Telluride, arrived at 12:15pm), Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison, arrived at 12:18pm)
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**
Motion to approve agenda: M/S Dave Frank/Don Suppes: as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for June 2023, Board Meeting**
Motion to approve: M/S: Don Suppes/Dave Frank as accepted with addition. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - a. Approve FY 2023 Audit Bid
 - i. Blair & Associates was only qualified proposal received after request for proposals was sent to auditors on Western Slope who have audit services-proposal is in the packet for review.
 - ii. One of our challenges is always that with the many programs we have auditors have some learning curve to overcome when going over the financial reports. Blair & Associates does has been an auditor for organizations and COGs like Region 10 and so we are comfortable that they will have less of a learning curve.
 - iii. Full disclosure, Jo Lance did work for Blair & Associates a number of years ago.
Motion to approve FY 2023 Audit Bid from Blair & Associates as presented: M/S Dave Frank/Don Suppes as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Approve New Account Signers
 - i. We typically update the signers with the change of executive council. Would like to add the new Chair, John Clark, and Vice Chair, Dave Frank, and keep Michelle Haynes & Jon Waschbush as signers. Roger Rash has been a signer for some time and we may want to keep him as a signer as he is based locally in Montrose but we can remove him as a signer if the board thinks that should be the case.
Motion to approve additon of John Clark & Dave Frank as Signers on all accounts as presented: M/S Don Suppes/Kris Holstrom as accepted. None opposed. John Clark and Dave Frank abstained from the vote as they are the subjects of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Approve Account Changes for Vectra Operating/Savings account.
 - i. We do most of our bank operations at Vectra, the loan accounts (12-15) are at Alpine Bank. Vectra is set up that two approvals are required to move funds from savings to checking and vice versa. We are requesting the board to remove the required 2nd approval for the moving of funds between accounts.
 - ii. Also, we would like to set up overdraft protection coverage between savings and checking so that if we happened to overdraft from our checking it would pull from our savings.
Motion to approve single approval moving of funds between checking and savings accounts and add overdraft protection coverage for Vectra Operating/Savings Account as presented: M/S: Don Suppes/Dave Frank as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Approve DOLA Grant Submission
 - i. We are submitting a grant to DOLA for \$120,500 to support the Broadband Director position. DOLA extends this grant to help pay for Corey’s help in the statewide Broadband services.

Note: DeLanie Tapson arrived at 12:15pm

- ii. DOLA is not planning to do a set aside for broadband funds in upcoming year.

Motion to approve DOLA Broadband TA Grant Submission as presented: M/S Dave Frank/Jim Gelwicks as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

Note: Jim Gelwicks arrived at 12:18pm

5. Reports:

- a. **Executive Director/Financial Report** – Presented by Michelle Haynes
 - i. Received a request for a LOS for new geothermal project in Ouray County. Ouray and San Miguel Counties have submitted similar letters and we will do so unless there is any objection from the board.
 - ii. Training on Open Records on August 30th, we want to extend the offer to attend that if you would like.
 - iii. We are posting board meeting announcement and agenda on the window of our new conference room, unless the board prefers a different location-no one objected to the location.
 - iv. We did sign the line of credit renewal for \$150,000, because it was a renewal and not a new line of credit we did not need a board resolution.
 - v. Jeff Moffat and Triple point for the Region 10 economic impact report, the preliminary report is about \$100,000,000 per year of impact. We have asked him to do a report by program to see what their individual economic impact is. That report will be presented at the August Board meeting.
- b. **Small Business Resource Center** – Nancy Murphy
 - i. 3D printer at Cultivator is installed.
 - ii. SBA has issued Disaster Declaration Loans available to businesses in Delta & Gunnison Counties as well as some of the surrounding counties for those impacted by the HWY 133 closure.
 - 1. Loans up to \$2 million for disruption of business. Can be used for operations but not for consolidation of debt.
 - 2. SBA 133 Sinkhole/Closure Fact Sheet
<https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/sfc/servlet.shepherd/version/download/06882000000Tbj4AAC>
- c. **Business Loan Fund** – Michelle Haynes
 - i. Dan left in July; we do have a position open, however, our Loan Fund team is handling the activity and we would like to update some processes before onboarding someone new. But, if you know of someone who is a great fit please send them our way.
 - ii. Last FY we closed 31 loans for over \$1.3 million.
 - iii. We have our new SBA Loan for \$750,000 and have utilized \$300,000 already to close 6 loans this month.
 - iv. We will be asking for an amendment on our CDBG funding to put in additional revolving funds in that and we have 2 projects in the pipeline for it already, one in Olathe for a Disaster Recovery company and one for the Hotel here in Montrose.
 - 1. The funding is job supported and both companies had job creation to support their application for the funds.
 - 2. It also provides 16% administration dollars to help support our staff and operations.
 - v. In Olathe they are doing a façade program and so we are looking at a microloan program to help them out with that. We might be looking at special interest rates for that at about 7.5% with prime being at 8.5% right now.
 - 1. We could work with any community to help do loans for similar programs like this.
- d. **Community Development** – Trish Thibodo
 - i. Regional Grant Navigator, Colleen, put together a report that is in the packet. We are hosting a Grants and Grub on Monday where we will be talking about the Justice 40 initiative. 40% of the impacts of federal funding need to impact the underserved communities.
 - ii. Met with a firm today, KLJ and we are looking for additional support for the RGN program for templates for grant proposals to make it easier.
 - iii. Seeking non-IRA or IIJA funding to support communities that are seeking other grant funding.
 - iv. Working with DOLA for a webinar for info on Prop 123 to support communities in determining their baseline numbers for housing.
 - v. If your communities need resource assistance about accessing the federal funds please reach out. Shay Colburn and Colleen Hannon have split communities and will be helping communities navigate these resources.
 - vi. DeLanie Tapson: There was a “Roadshow” for Prop 123, The state is looking for regional approaches to the housing needs assessments and so we as communities should see how can we pool our resources.

- e. **Community Living Services** –Eva Veitch
 - i. Referencing the letter included in the packet to Governor Polis; we are requesting for your community to submit support for additional funding. The AAAs haven't had an increase in funding from the State Level and are also losing the homestead funding next year—a budget decrease of \$100,000. We were able to fill in some of the funding from funds that we saved back from ARPA in the current fiscal year, but we will run out of that in 2024. We are now targeting services and only serving those of the greatest need. All referrals that come in we are not doing a means test (income). Those that have an income of \$3,000 plus are being denied because they are not seen as in need. Members requested an email of a copy of the letter to present to boards/councils.
 - ii. Sandy Walker was announced by the state as the Ombudsman of the Quarter.

- f. **Broadband** – Michelle for Corey Bryndal
 - i. The Mountain Connect Conference is in Denver and Corey is attending. .
 - ii. We are working on I-70 IGA and task order with CDOT and we are about ready to finalize that. It will give the communities along I-70 the ability to pull permits for construction. We are looking to Mesa, Garfield and La Plata to help provide the match for that project. We are about \$900,000 short and so we are hoping that they will fill in the funding for that as many of the projects are in their regions.
 - iii. We are looking at a 100-gig circuit to be delivered in from Salt Lake City to Grand Junction.
 - iv. Working on a financial model and a cash flow model to be able to break even. For example, if you think about I-70, we are looking to have a standard model that accommodates for community size and R10 communities. Discussion of value of continuing services with ongoing financial impacts.
 - v. Meeting with Region 9 and 12 (who also have broadband projects) to consider the long-term ability of managing the Broadband network.

Note: Elyse Casselberry left at 1pm

- g. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee** – Vince Rogalski
 - i. Colorado received 4 RAISE Grants and Delta received \$13 million
 - ii. Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods, application due 28th of September
 - iii. We are moving into updates on the 2050 plan and looking at Resource allocation, are we using the same resources.
 - 1. TAP funding: We have a program facilitator for this Cheryl Trent. Did the formulas that were used work or shall we re-evaluate.
 - 2. The STAC approved the formulas for the 2050 long range plan
 - iv. HB 1101: Looks at TPR boundaries. Are all the documentations for the TPRs in place and do you know that. Are there communities that are left of the TPRs and their discussions. They are going around the State and discussing how that is working. GVTPR documents are in order and so they have been using us as an example. In the report you can see the 10 TPRs and 5 MPOs. They had the Region 5 meeting last week and the Region 3 meeting is next week on August 3. There needs to be representation on each of the TPR boards for transit. We need a representative from the transit community to be a voting member. If there are multiple transit agencies it will be on the transit organizations to get together to choose a member to be on the TPR board. TPR meeting is on August 10th and we will have someone from headquarters will come talk about 23-1101. Vince is putting together a letter for CDOT to let them know that we are not in favor of the boundaries changing to be considered at the TPR meeting. There is a survey current out to see if people are aware of their TPR and how they are accessing information. There is a link in the packet and they are wanting responses to that by August 30th.
 - v. RPP Regional Priority Projects that is used for special projects and is about \$50 million. In the past they had looked at lane miles and VMT. Last time they changed the formula to remove VMT and look at population and we want them to change it back to the VMT.

Motion to approve Reports as presented: M/S: Don Suppes/Dave Frank as accepted. None opposed.

- 6. **Next Meetings:**
 - a. **Board of Directors Meeting:** August 24, 2023 Noon-3p.m.

- 7. **Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.**
 - a. **Motion to adjourn:** None opposed.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Justice 40 Grants & Grub

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