



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm.
  - a. **Staff:** Michelle Haynes (R10 Director), Nancy Murphy (Small Business Development), Corey Bryndal (Broadband Director), Courtney Tribble
  - b. **In-Person Board Members:** John Clark (Town of Ridgway, Chair), Dave Frank (City of Montrose, Vice Chair), Vince Rogalski (GVTPR & STAC), Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison), Michelle Nauer (Ouray County), Roger Rash (Montrose County),
  - c. **Remote Board Members:** Mike Bordogna (San Miguel County), Michael Bacani (Mt Crested Butte) Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County), Don Suppes (Delta County)12:23, Jon Waschbusch (Montrose County) 12:25, Dave Roberts (Town of Lake City)12:31
  
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion to approve agenda: M/S Dave Roberts/Roger Rash: as accepted.** None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
  
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for September 2023, Board Meeting**

**Motion to approve amended minutes: M/S: Roger Rash/Michelle Nauer as accepted with addition.** None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
  
4. **Action Items:**
  - a. DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) Broadband Grant Amendment
    - i. Page 9 in the board packet is a copy of the memo to DOLA to request updated funding for grant. Requesting DOLA for additional monies, that does not include contingencies and other items. We have asked Garfield, Mesa, and La Plata to put in \$300,000 each, but have not received commitments, so there is some additional in the DOLA grant in case one or multiple of the 3 counties do not come through.
    - ii. Request for approval for supplement up to \$900,000 Jim Gelwicks

**Motion to approve DOLA Broadband Grant Amendment: M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Kris Holstrom as accepted.** None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
  - b. EZCP (Enterprise Zone Contribution Projects)
    - i. Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (RMBL) – Capital Campaign | Workforce Housing– 17 units in Gothic Site
    - ii. Habitat for Humanity of Gunnison Valley (HFHGV) – Capital Campaign | Workforce Housing – Parcels 6-9 Two lots of Townhome units and 3 lots for the Cottage Clusters

**Motion to approve EZCPs for RMBL and HFHGV: M/S: Jim Gelwicks/Michelle Nauer as accepted.** None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
  
5. **Reports:**
  - a. **Executive Director/Financial Report** – Presented by Michelle Haynes
    - i. Financial Report
      1. We have been doing a lot of grants training throughout the organization.
      2. RSVP (Region 10 Senior Volunteer Program) Budget is up to \$300,000 a year, and the accounting team has been working closely with the program manager to ensure reporting compliance.
      3. The new audit firm started our audit, but they have just received information for our previous audit and so they are reviewing prior to proceeding with additional onsite review.
      4. Broadband- we are reviewing pricing as some of our services are priced very low and need to be increased to be sustainable.

5. We are also working on submitting a proposal for an indirect cost rate that would be about 20-22% of the grants to be charged to administrative rather than the de minimis rate of 10%.
  - ii. Executive Director Report
    1. We received a CORA (Colorado Open Records Act) request from the ISP (Internet Service Provider) who sent a letter earlier (discussed in September) about the IRU in Hinsdale. We are working with our attorney on that CORA Request and how to handle it.
    2. Rethinking staffing and management of staffing, with programs growing, we want to think about how to do our work a little differently. Less directors, elevating current staff members to program managers to develop our staff and programs.
- b. **Small Business Resource Center** –Nancy Murphy
  - i. SBA TA (Small Business Administration Technical Assistance), SBDC (Small Business Development Center), BLF (Business Loan Fund), Business Cultivator we are working towards better integration of the programs and services. Less Hierarchy structure to more of a matrix structure. If you talk to someone in the SBDC they can talk to you about each portion of the puzzle, but the specific pieces of the puzzle are managed by a program manager. Refining communication process. And looking at a CRM (Customer Relations Manager) program. How do we look at the program so that it expands the pie. SBA TA will take on more of a financial training because it is focused on pre and post loan counseling.
  - ii. Montrose Chamber event 5:30-7 at SOM
- c. **Community Development** –
  - i. Approved EZ projects
  - ii. Navigator is continuing to work with interested communities to develop projects and grant applications.
- d. **Community Living Services** –Michelle Haynes for Eva Veitch
  - i. Services and needs for services are expanding but the funding is not; the request for additional state funding from the state AAA (Area Agency on Aging) organization was not in the governor’s funding request. There are funds for services this year with the remainder ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, but may need to consider reductions in the next year.
- e. **Broadband** – Corey Bryndal
  - i. Large project to reach sources in Denver, Salt Lake City, Albuquerque. Place equipment order for I-70 to Durango. The lease is signed from CDOT (Colorado Department of Transportation) for a portion of fiber.
  - ii. Within Region 10 area, MT Crested Butte is considering new effort to build between CNL (Carrier Neutral Location) in MT Crested Butte and Crested Butte. Met with 2 ISPs that are looking to pre-lease space in the proposed CNL.
  - iii. Lake City equipment has been received and the project is progressing on the final portion of the project.
  - iv. San Miguel county--have delivered a quote to them to get new service activated.
  - v. Region 9 is implementing 3 CNLs and we have an agreement with to activate a portion of that as a regional network.
  - vi. Technical and network management are portions we are hiring out but have not received qualified applicants. Currently utilizing contracted services.
- f. **Gunnison Valley Transportation Region Committee GVTPR** – Vince Rogalski
  - i. There is an update on the Little Blue Canyon in the report. However, there have recently been very long lines on the ends of the closure. Mid-March to mid-June will be the new timeline. Management needs to get with Traffic Control supervisor, there might be information in the contract documents as to the amount of time that people can be held.
  - ii. TLRC (Transportation Legislative Review Committee). They had 10 bills to present and had to pair it down to 5.
    1. Child Passenger Safety Education
    2. Railroad Safety for train length

3. Accountability Requirements for Towing Carrier
  4. Transit Tax Credits
  - iii. National number of fatalities for the first half of the year was 19,505 so about 40,000 per year. The state is looking at funding for areas to increase should widths to hopefully decrease the amount of non-vehicle fatalities.
  - iv. CMAC
  - v. HB1101 update: GVTPR boundaries are not changing. Intermountain they are looking at dividing in half. And Southeast
    1. For those areas that they are considering changing the boundaries they have requested that they not be changed as funding for the TPRs will change.
    2. The report will be presented to STAC (Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee) next week on Thursday, November 2. Virtual meeting.
      - a. They will present the changes and each of the STAC will vote on each of the changes.
    3. Suggesting term limits on the Chair and Vice Chair of STAC. And then alternating the Chair and Vice Chair as Urban and Rural.
    4. Board members are open to having a special meeting if needed to give thoughts on the redesignation of TPRs.
  - vi. Work plan for STAC was talked about and what we will be doing for long range planning. There are 6 new commissioners on STAC.
6. **Next Meetings:**
- a. **GVTPR:** Hybrid - November 9, 2023 1:30-3:30pm
  - b. **BLF Committee Meeting:** December 7, 2023 10am-11am
  - c. **Board of Directors meeting: December 7, 2023 Noon-3pm**
  - d. **Regional Advisory Council AAA:** December 14, 2023 10am
7. **Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.**