



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm.
 - a. **Staff:** Michelle Haynes (Executive Director), Nancy Murphy (Small Business Development), Corey Bryndal (Broadband Director), Eva Veitch (AAA Director), Courtney Tribble (EDD Program Manager), Aris Freeborn (Finance Assistant)
 - b. **In-Person Board Members:** John Clark (Town of Ridgway, Chair), Dave Frank (City of Montrose, Vice Chair), Roger Rash (Montrose County), Michelle Nauer (Ouray County, Treasurer), Jack Gilbride (Mountain Village), Joe Gillman (Proxy for City of Delta)
 - c. **Remote Board Members:** Laura Pucket-Daniels (Gunnison County), Michael Bacani (Mt Crested Butte), Dave Roberts (Town of Lake City), Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County, Past Chair)
 - d. **Guests:** Carlton Mason (CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates)
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve agenda: M/S Dave Frank/Michelle Nauer, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for March 2024, Executive Committee Meeting**
 - a. Change #6 B change from County Manager to Deputy County Manager.
 - b. #6.i. Riverfront Village is 38 units but only 4 of the units are deed restricted.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve amended minutes: M/S: Michelle Nauer/Roger Rash as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Michelle Haynes asked if we would like to continue to include a written record of the Roundtable. The board decided to leave the written records of the updates and to include the entity that each person represents.
4. Introduction of new staff member, Dario Fasoletti, the business loan fund officer.
5. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Approval of Enterprise Zone Capital Campaign for Community Facility for the Delta ML&P Building. They intend to turn it into a Food Hub/Incubator.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve: M/S: Michelle Nauer/Dave Frank, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Discussion of Area Agency on Aging Assessments
6. **REPORTS:**
 - a. **ED/Financial Reports | Michelle Haynes**
 - i. Financial Report
 1. Cash is showing negative at the end of April. We had cut the check for the DOLA repayment at the end of the month. Because it was the end of the month there was a difference between when we cut the check to DOLA and when we transferred the funds from the Business Loan Fund. We are borrowing that money from the Loan Fund and will repay it back as we can. It is also present in the financial statements as a negative revenue.
 2. Other items were as expected for the period.
 - ii. Executive Director Report
 1. We are now preparing for the end of the fiscal year, and working to get state agencies estimates on expenditures to them around July 12th.
 2. We hosted a meeting with Co Department Of Local Affairs (DOLA) and the Colorado Broadband Office (CBO) for broadband. It was a good meeting with attendance from the 5 Directors managing Broadband, the DOLA Regional Managers from those regions and the Director and project manager of the CBO.
 - a. Discussed next steps are for middle mile broadband in the state. The CBO did make some announcements about their plans for middle mile. It will take them a

- couple of years to get the CBO ready to fund, so DOLA will help fund in the interim.
 - b. CBO announced that they are considering the potential of assuming operations of the regional networks at some point in time rather than the COGs operating as separate entities.
 - c. We will continue working on an RFP for operations of the network for the next 2-3 years.
 - d. DOLA approved the \$800,000 supplemental, which increases the broadband network expansion grant to just under \$5 million with no match.
 - 3. Eva has been remaining on staff to help with some of the major transitions AAA has been going through with funding shortfalls. She has set her retirement for the end of August.
 - a. Regarding candidate qualifications for the position: experience would include a degree but not necessarily if the right person with the right experience applies. They should have experience with working with seniors, and grants management, similar as someone with public health experience.
 - b. AAA services will be tightened and target to specific income levels as we continue to work through the budget shortfall.
 - iii. Community Development/Enterprise Zone (update given by Courtney Tribble)
 - 1. Enterprise Zone boundaries are redesignated by statute every 10 years. We are beginning the process of the redesignation of the boundaries to take effect in January 2026. The state has developed a tool that highlights areas that meet at least one of three criteria that qualify an area as a Enterprise Zone.
 - 2. We are seeing that large portions of our Region are graduating out of being designated as Economically Distressed based on the criteria. We will be working with our communities in the coming months to utilize the mapping tool to see what areas might need to be included that are not showing as economically in distress.
 - iv. Regional Grants Navigator
 - 1. The Office of Just Transitions (OJT) has extended a pilot program for a grant writing program. This is available for the next year July-June to coal-impacted communities, including Delta County & the West End.
 - 2. Colleen Hannon, who helped start up the RGN program ended her contract in May. We thank her for all the work she did to get this program started.
- b. **Small Business Resource Center | Nancy Murphy**
 - i. Small Business Development Center (SBDC)/Business Cultivator
 - 1. Cultivator Kitchen has 5 steady clients, Venezuelan, Columbian, Lebanese, Italian and Meatballs.
 - 2. Callie attended the statewide SBDC meeting in Ridgway in May.
 - ii. Business Loan Fund (BLF)
 - 1. Dario has joined the Business Loan Fund Team and is based in the Montrose office. He has worked in international banking, and small business experience.
 - 2. Sarah will continue with Gunnison & Hinsdale Counties and Dario will cover Delta, Montrose, Ouray & San Miguel.
 - 3. The BLF team Closed 3 loans in May, 2 in Paonia and one in Montrose. We have had 3 loan modification requests last month and are monitoring an increase in past due accounts.
- c. **Community Living Services | Eva Veitch**
 - i. Budget has been our main focus recently. If we make any significant changes to programs we are required to make notice 30 days to our providers.
 - ii. Reduced Montrose hot meals provided by Shepard's Hand to 3 days a week from 5 days a week due to the budget shortfall.
 - iii. Six Home care agencies that we contract with regularly requested rate raises. We sent an email notice that we could raise their rates and serve less people or not raise them and try to serve the people we are currently serving. The agencies elected to keep the current rates for the upcoming year.
 - iv. Staff member Joe Walker decided against taking Eva's position. He is remaining on staff to manage nutrition coordination, SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) Medicare Counseling program, and contract management.

- v. Interviewed several candidates for the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) Community Coordinators for Montrose and Ouray Counties.
 - vi. Senior Companion program is live July 1st, and it will work in conjunction with the RSVP program.
- d. **Broadband | Corey Bryndal**
- i. Expansion project is making progress and we are working on getting the cabling plant ready to come from Denver to Grand Junction.
 - ii. The majority of agreements are in place and we are continuing to work with Zayo and CDOT on fiber access.
 - iii. Contracting with the Front Range Giga Pop (a educational membership organization) of Boulder to do a staging of the router equipment.
 - iv. We would like to build a ring around the Northern San Juans for redundancy for those communities.
 - v. Lake City will have construction to the Gunnison County Electric Association sub station next month, which will bring that project close to completion.
 - vi. Organizationally we have had meetings on how to collaborate with other regions on operations.
 - vii. We are interviewing 3 candidates for a Program Manager position to assist with operations.
- e. **GVTPR - Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region Committee | Vince Rogalski**
- 1. MMOF (Multi-Modal Options Funds) allocations have been approved by the Transportation Commission (TC). We have received the rules and regulations for those and are reviewing. This round CDOT will be more thoroughly reviewing the projects for scope and estimates. There was a bill that was approved that took funding from MMOF funding for the free transit program this summer.
 - 2. The Gunnison Valley Allocation (includes retail delivery fees) for the next 5 years it is about \$2.8 million.
 - 3. Match requirements have not changed from the previous MMOF distribution. If you are requesting a reduction or no match you will need to have a letter submitted to Vince and then the TC.
 - ii. STAC (State Transportation Advisory Committee) meetings are being held in-person at the Headquarters office in Denver and on Zoom. There will be the election of Officers at the October meeting; this will be Vince's last meeting as Chair of the STAC.
 - iii. At the GVTPR meeting on August 29th we will begin the process of the 10 year and long-range plan. The 10-year plan is projects to be completed in the next 10 years with funding allocated whereas the long year plan has projects identified but no funding allocated.
 - iv. US 50 Bridge Meeting will be held Tuesday July 2, at 6pm at the Gunnison County Courthouse. They will give information on the one-lane traffic that will be opened for passenger vehicles only.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Reports; M/S: Dave Frank/Roger Rash. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

7. PRESENTATION | Carlton Mason of CASA on The Village on San Juan

- a. Carlton Mason joined us to give an update and presentation on a project that CASA and the Area Agency on Aging joined together to build supportive housing for youth aging out of the foster care system and Seniors who are currently unhoused. The presentation focuses on how the project came together and the partnerships that made it possible.
 - i. The project includes 3 units of bridge housing that is for up to 36 months occupancy, 12 units of 80% Area Median Income (AMI) affordable housing, and 30 units of intergenerational supportive housing.
 - ii. Carlton gave a breakdown of the funding sources that helped to achieve the total funding for the project at \$11.8 million.
 - iii. He also then gave an overview of the timeline of the process from when they purchased the land in August of 2022 to now the project finalizing in for the Grand Opening in August.

8. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 2:49p.m.