



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:34 pm.
 - a. **Staff:** Michelle Haynes (R10 Director), Nancy Murphy (Small Business Development), Corey Bryndal (Broadband Director), Eva Veitch (AAA Director), Brian Bowler (incoming AAA Director), Courtney Tribble
 - b. **In-Person Board Members:** John Clark (Town of Ridgway, Chair), Dave Frank (City of Montrose, Vice Chair), Mike Lane (Delta County) Roger Rash (Montrose County), Michelle Nauer (Ouray County), Linda Riba (Montrose County), Greg Hart (Town of Cedaredge), Vince Rogalski (GVTPR Chair),
 - c. **Remote Board Members:** Jonathan Houck (Gunnison County), Michael Bacani (Mt Crested Butte), Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County), Greg Levine (Hinsdale County), Dave Roberts (Town of Lake City), Paige Smith (Town of Paonia)

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 July 2024, Executive Committee Meeting**
 - a. Add Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry’s entity (City of Delta) to attendees
 - b. Small Business Resource Center: desk audit, “files were in good order”
 - c. Roundtable: Hinsdale County is 150 Years old

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve minutes: M/S: Michelle Nauer/Roger Rash, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Assessment Discussion/Approval
 - i. The staff reviewed different models, including a ‘per capita rate’ Assessment shift, but we decided to propose an across-the-board percentage increase, keeping the current method of proportion of population as the base. Proposing an increase in Area Agency on Aging assessments of \$24,000 annually.
 1. Delta County, Montrose County and the City of Montrose will see significant increases as it is based off population.
 2. We use the Area Agency on Aging assessments a match for grant programs that we apply for within the AAA programs.
 3. We have cut AAA services by approximately \$250,000 and we are still over budgeted revenues about \$125,000. To help this we are considering applying for grants, such as Daniels Fund, to help with the meals program.
 4. Discussion regarding Orchard City: the City has typically not paid assessments. Since the County membership assessments are based off total population, we continue to provide services in the community, including home-delivered meals and in-home services to the seniors.
 - a. The board thinks that it would be worth Michelle and Delta County Commissioners to meet with the Orchard City Town Council to try to get them involved and paying their dues.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve: M/S: Dave Frank/Michelle Nauer, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **REPORTS:**
 - a. **ED/Financial Reports | Michelle Haynes**
 - i. Financial Report
 1. There are a few adjustments to make for the June Financial Report, including the doubtful balance for the Business Loan Fund (BLF) and other reconciliations.

2. On the balance sheet there is not a lot to point out except that the loan fund balance is growing.
 3. We learned a lot with our grants this year. The RSVP Program funds were short about \$70,000. For the Regional Grants Navigator Program we were anticipating a grant from the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) of about \$40,000 that was not processed, so the program is \$30,000 over expended.
 4. Salaries are lower than budgeted; consequently, contracted services are higher than budgeted.
 5. RLF Interest and Fees: the Late Fees revenues are higher than budgeted because there are more late loan payments.
 - a. This could be reflective of the business environment; this could also be that businesses are just not paying.
 - b. We are working on how we manage late payment processes including late notices, default letters from the attorney, etc.
- ii. Executive Director Report
1. We are not expecting a 3rd year of the RGN Program but a recent call with the governor's office indicated it may be possible.
 2. Getting ready for our fiscal audit, the onsite is not yet scheduled.
- b. **Small Business Resource Center | Nancy Murphy**
- i. SBDC/Business Cultivator
 1. USDA State Director visited the Business Cultivator in Olathe.
 2. Callie, Adriana, and Rachel are working with the City of Montrose to create a packet for Mobile Food Businesses.
 3. Community Business Preservation Program is continuing with 5 Gunnison businesses receiving grants.
 4. Demystifying Entrepreneurship Program will be held in Montrose in the Region 10 office on September 20/21.
 - ii. Cultivator
 1. Adriana attended the CMU Career Festival, National Night Out in Olathe, and a Business Resource Fair in Delta.
 - iii. Business Loan Fund
 1. Working on Loan Processes to improve efficiency, including late/payment notices and ACH payment.
 2. Two loans closed in July, one loan was charged off and one request for a modification and 14 borrowers in the pipeline.
- c. **Community Living Services | Eva Veitch**
- i. Training two new SHIP Counselors.
 - ii. Ombudsman Program had its annual review, which went well.
 - iii. Funding impacts: we have 14 people on the waitlist for in-home services; homemaker, caregiver respite, etc. We will re-evaluate that on October 1st. We denied services to 22 people for homemaker services in July due to funding constraints. We have 39 people on the waitlist for meals and 5 of those we would consider high risk when being evaluated through our process. Life Alerts are capped at the current use levels.
 - iv. Update from the Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging review of the legislative budget: \$16.3 million cut to the Older Americans Act to the nutrition programs bringing the funding levels below the allocations of 2023.
 - v. The reallocations of the Older Americans Act funding will be going to legislature again this coming year.
 - vi. RSVP New Grant Application: We are applying for a grant(s) for the counties that we don't currently receive funding for: Ouray and San Miguel Counties. There is a 30% grant match requirement; we will be applying for a waiver to reduce that to 10%.
- d. **Broadband | Corey Bryndal**
- i. Spoke at Mountain Connect Conference with 1100 people and 25 State Broadband Directors.
 - ii. Eric Hittle and Vall Technologies are contracted with to help support operations,
 - iii. Expansion project, the cabling and splicing plans are moving forward. The optical equipment has been received. We have routing equipment that will be moved from Montrose to Boulder at a UCAR Lab for programming. Once the configurations are complete the equipment will be moved into the field along I-70 and US 50.

- iv. Working on addressing legacy system issues to better manage infrastructure with the Region 10 area. There are some inconsistencies in the prior implementation.
 - v. Meeting with Crested Butte and Mt Crested Butte to finalize the project for a new CNL and fiber in the community.
 - vi. Working with Visionary to adjust equipment and install in the CNL in Lake City and finishing the IRU in the community.
 - vii. Nucla to Telluride: working with contractor for equipment installation.
 - viii. We are going to issue an RFP for ongoing Operations and Maintenance.
- e. **GVTPR - Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region Committee | Vince Rogalski**
- i. Next Thursday, August 29th is the GVTPR meeting, and it is the first meeting with CDOT on the Long-Range Plan and next 10-year plan.
 - 1. Michael Snow will be here to do a presentation on MMOF (Multi Modal Options Funds) program.
 - 2. Updates on Construction in both CDOT Region 3 & 5 will be provided.
 - ii. Little Blue Canyon construction is completed. The Bridge is open for a couple hours in the morning (6:30-9:30am) and in the evening (4:40-7:30pm). Starting Labor Day, it will be open more.
 - iii. HB 23-1101 update, Intermountain TPR does want to be divided into two TPRs but Southeast TPR and South Central TPR do not want to combine, due to funding implications.
 - iv. Transportation Commission currently has 9 commissioners rather than 11 and that is because the Governor has not appointed those positions.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Reports; M/S: Mike Roger Rash/Michelle Nauer. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

6. ROUNDTABLE

- a. DELTA COUNTY
 - i. **Greg Hart (Town of Cedaredge):** have a new Town Administrator, Dave Torgler and a new Public Works Director, Carl Holm. Approved a site plan phase for a residential development on the back 9 of the Golf Course. Updating Comprehensive Master Plan with a consultant. The Board is considering a bridge replacement with a grant from DOLA for close to \$1 million and we are determining whether that bridge really needs to be replaced because it requires a 25% match. We are also waiting to hear back from FEMA about a grant from them of \$600,000.
 - ii. **Mike Lane (Delta County):** We got a grant for \$10,000 to gather 1,586 tires for Tire Shredding that now do not end up in the Land Fill or the adobe hills. BLM assisted with the program.
- b. GUNNISON COUNTY
 - i. **Jonathan Houck (Gunnison County):** We have been putting athletic directors in touch with CDOT to manage the school sports travel schedules. CDOT will start work on the Lake Fork Bridge because the repair team is already deployed to the area.
- c. HINSDALE COUNTY
 - i. **Greg Levine (Hinsdale County):** We are working on a chip seal project but are having some trouble with the weather impact on the project.
- d. MONTROSE COUNTY
 - i. **Roger Rash (Montrose County):** Continue to work on the Safe Routes for All (SS4A) for the permanent light at the airport. We have closed the center parking lot at the airport for complete re-construction. We are talking about adding 2 ground ramps. The Tribute to Aviation was cancelled this year due to commitments for the aircraft for other events. We are currently interviewing for a New County Manager; we had 14 candidates, and we have narrowed those to the top 4. We will announce the top 2-3 finalists on September 4th and then the newly elected officials will have a chance to interview on the 10th. We hope to have someone chosen by September 18th. Courthouse renovation is moving forward with the windows being removed and new ones installed next week. We put out an RFP for a new Health Services building to understand what the cost of that would be. Jail remodel is moving forward. Signed the contract to purchase the Naturita School to turn it into a Sherrif's Office substation and the Clerk's Office. Bucktail Fire is contained, and the Sherrif's Office is working on the clean-up from the fire.

- e. OURAY COUNTY
 - i. **Michelle Nauer (Ouray County):** Ouray County declared a disaster emergency with the recent rains and floodings. Corbet Creek closed CR 17 which is one of the very few ways in and out of Ouray. Working on the final draft of our Master Plan.
 - ii. **John Clark (Town of Ridgway):** The renovation of the Firehouse Project should be complete in the next month. Beaver Creek, where we get town water, was affected by a mudslide taking out the diversion filling it with mud and rocks. The Town Engineer has looked at it but it looks like a \$2 million repair over multiple years.
- f. SAN MIGUEL COUNTY
 - i. **Kris Holstrom (San Miguel County):** We are experiencing a shift with the weather; Ophir, Black Bear and Imogean Passes have been closed.

7. **NEXT Meeting:**

- a. We need to reschedule the November/December Meeting. The committee selected December 5th as the meeting date.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 2:01p.m

APPROVED - 9-26-2024