



Region 10 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2025

In Person at Region 10 Office with a Zoom Video Conference

1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTION** – Meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm.
 - a. Staff: Michelle Haynes (R10 Director), Nancy Murphy (SBRC Director), Corey Bryndal (Broadband Director), Brian Bowler (AAA Director), Aris Freeborn
 - b. In-Person Board Members: Mayor Pro Tem Dave Frank (City of Montrose, Vice Chair EC), Commissioner Mike Lane (Delta), Councilmember Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison), Vince Rogalski (GVTPR Chair)
 - c. Remote Board Members: Commissioner Jonathan Houck (Gunnison County Commissioner), Commissioner Michelle Nauer (Ouray County, EC), Commissioner Lance Warning (San Miguel County Commissioner)

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. **ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve Agenda M/S: Jim Gelwicks / Mike Lane, as accepted.** None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 2025**
 - a. **ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve minutes: M/S: Michelle Nauer / Mike Lane, as accepted.** None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **REPORTS:**
 - a. **ED/Financial Reports | Michelle Haynes**
 - i. Financial Report
 1. February financials are included in the packet. We are in the process of finalizing March Financials
 2. Working on end of the quarter grant reconciliations. Focusing on AAA, to see if we will be on target for our reductions for next year. We are continuing to monitor and anticipate future reductions in AAA funding for the upcoming year.
 3. Received payoff for a loan in default that was sent to the attorney for collections for approximately \$100,000.
 4. Increased revenue in late fees is a result of collection efforts on past due/default loans. We are expecting increased legal fees in May for additional default loans submitted to the lawyer for collection.
 5. We plan to have next fiscal year's budget available for Mays meeting.
 6. Other than AAA, we are not anticipating or budgeting for significant changes in other funding.
 7. AmeriCorps staff, which funds our Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), has been placed on administrative leave. There is concern about the delay in grant reimbursements for this and other programs that could affect operations. Region10 does not have enough cash flow reserves to back fill for an extended period of time.
 - ii. Staffing
 1. The Regional Grants Navigator has been approved and funded for an additional 6 months. We will have Patti Gabriel with us until October.
 2. Ombudsman, Sandy Walker, has retired. The position has been filled internally.
 3. We will have a temporary staff member through September to help with office administration.



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iii. Community Development

1. We have received the DOLA (Department of Local Affairs) contract for a \$50,000 mini-grant program. We have submitted an amendment to add Montrose County.
2. Courtney has submitted a request to the state to have the exclusion of Gunnison and Ouray counties from the newly redesignated Enterprise Zone reevaluated. The redesignation of Enterprise Zones was not comparing census tract to census tract; the census blocks are different.
3. House bill 1296 as currently proposed will impact Enterprise Zone; proposed language excludes industries that operate in rural Colorado such as extraction, fuel retail, and wireless towers.

b. Small Business Resource Center | Nancy Murphy

i. SBDC/Business Cultivator

1. The Cultivator currently has 9 kitchen clients and is at approximately 65 % capacity.
2. We anticipate the farmers market season will increase the use of the kitchen.
3. The SBDC- (Small Business Development Center) is offering a Value Driven Ownership Program. This program encourages small business owners to think about the financial side of business; the feasibility, sustainability and viability of a business. There are 12 people currently engaged in the program.

ii. Business Loan Fund (BLF)

1. We have received payoffs for two loans/one business that was sent to the attorneys for collections.
2. We have added window wraps to the Gunnison office windows for better visibility of the office and services.

c. Area Agency on Aging | Brian Bowler

- i. We are anticipating additional senior services to be drastically reduced.
- ii. Health and Human Services and AmeriCorps administration has recently been greatly impacted by recent layoffs.
- iii. The ACL (Administration of Community Living) and Older Americans Act have been restructured and will impact senior services.
- iv. AAA had planned to have the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and other programs, such as SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) and Medicare backfill for services being cut.; however, we continue to receive notice these, and other programs, are potentially being eliminated or reduced funding.
- v. Brian is reaching out to the community and building relationships to facilitate and diversify funding streams.

d. Broadband | Cory Bryndal

- i. Service between Denver, Grand Junction, Region 10 and Southwest Colorado is close to completion. This will create redundancies to reduce outages from power or equipment failures and natural disasters.
- ii. Equipment for the project is shipping equipment in the upcoming week.
- iii. Front Range Gigapop (serving university and educational facilities) and Region 10 is continuing its effort in research and education services to the Rocky Mountain Bio Lab in Mt. Crested Butte, Western State University, and Colorado Mesa State University.



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- iv. Currently working on needed upgrades to the existing Region 10 network based on the recent network audit recommendations.

e. GVTPR - Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region | Vince Rogalski

- i. STAC (State Transportation Advisory Committee) has approved and recommended an approval for the Safe Routes to School grants, including an application for the Town of Cedaredge.
- ii. The STAC meeting was held on April 3rd, 2025.
- iii. The state plans to take back \$71.4 million from the MMOF (Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation Options Fund). CDOT staff have communicated that there is a potential budget reduction of \$900,000 in our region. This will affect local projects, including those that were approved for an allocation by the GVTPR at the last meeting. The Gunnison project was approved and in addition to MMOF funding, there is additional funding being contributed to the project. There may not be any reduction in funds for this project, but we are working through a review process.
- iv. The next TPR meeting is May 8th at 1:30. This is the last regional planning meeting (#4) to review the statewide plan and the 10-year plan. A draft should be available before the meeting.
- v. Priority project is set for 3 and 5 and have been agreed upon. We do not have the priority transit projects. The state is waiting for their transit study.
- vi. The bus that runs from Montrose to Gunnison and back is currently up in the air. We are currently waiting for the study for a final decision.
- vii. The bridge at Blue Mesa is complete but still needs to be painted. Painting is scheduled for spring. They anticipate closing one lane at a time.
- viii. There will be town hall meetings on the planning process with CDOT transportation commissioners on June 3rd and 5th.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve reports: M/S Jim Gelwicks/Mike Lane. None opposed Motion passed unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm