



1. **CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS**–Meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm.
 - a. **Staff:** Michelle Haynes (R10 Director), Nancy Murphy (Small Business Development), Corey Bryndal (Broadband Director), Brian Bowler (AAA Director), Aris Freeborn (Accounting), Karla Distel (Broadband Contractor)
 - b. **In-Person Board Members:** Commissioner Mike Lane (Delta County, EC), Mayor John Clark (Town of Ridgway), Commissioner Craig Fuller (Delta County), Commissioner Sue Hansen (Montrose County, EC)
 - c. **Remote Board Members:** Commissioner Lance Warning (San Miguel County, EC), Commissioner Michelle Nauer (Ouray County, EC), Commissioner Laura Puckett-Daniels (Gunnison County), Council Member Jim Gelwicks (City of Gunnison, EC), Mayor Page Smith (Town of Paonia), Council Member Scott Pearson (Town of Mt. Village)
 - d. **Guests:** Carolyn Tucker (Colorado Workforce Consortium)
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**
 - a. **ACTION ITEM:** Motion to approve Agenda M/S: John Clark/Mike Lane, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES for June 2025, Executive Committee Meeting**
 - a. **ACTION ITEM:** Motion to approve minutes: M/S: Mike Lane / Craig Fuller as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **REPORTS:**
 - a. **ED/Financial Reports | Michelle Haynes**
 - i. **Financial Report**
 1. May 2025 Financials are included in the packet.
 2. Bad debt allowance will need to be revised. It is low due to the number of bad debt write-offs this year and will need to be increased by approximately \$200k. This change does not affect cash flow but affects the bottom line. We have written off quite a few past due loans this last year. Most loans are registered with the CHFA (Colorado Housing and Finance Authority) state collateral program, which we have been able to utilize to recover all written off funds. We have recovered some funds from collected equipment. We have also filed judgements against some of the borrowers in an effort to collect funds.
 3. There are a few membership dues that have not been paid. This may be a result of staff turnover. We will be re-sending invoices to updated staff.
 4. AAA budget is 83% of expected funding. We have drawn down leftover ARPA (American Rescue Plan) funds. The state is allowing federal dollars to be carried over. We anticipate carrying over approximately \$200k in federal funds. This will provide us with some additional support for next year.
 - ii. **Executive Director Report**
 1. We are considering submitting a USDA Grant application under the Rural Community Development initiative for approximately \$180k over three years. This grant would help support communities with housing, economic development, business development and small business support.
 2. We are evaluating whether we would be able to support the 50% match. Match would come from business services and membership dues. We may be able to use new state business support funds this year that are purely state, not federal. We have not yet fully determined if it would fit with our programming but are requesting approval if we decide to move forward with an application.

ACTION ITEM: Motion to approve the USDA Grant application as stated above. M/S: Jim Gelwicks / John Clark, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Linda Riba has submitted a letter of resignation from the Board of Directors and the Business Loan Fund Committee. She was recently appointed the chair of Altrusa and will be allocating her time to her newly appointed position. Linda has served Region 10 in various roles for many years, and we appreciate her service.
4. We have applied for and been awarded the OEDIT CHIPS Community Support Program Grant. This is a \$50k grant to do a market assessment of the potential for CHIPS production in our area. We are focusing on Montrose, Delta and Gunnison businesses that may be able to contribute to CHIPS production. CHIPS production may not be the actual microchip itself, but some part of the microchip or some part of the process. Region 9 has been awarded one of the grants. We will be reaching out to them to discuss combining efforts. We have received award notification, but it could be a while before we get the actual contract.
5. Trish Thibodeau with the Center for World Innovation and Gunnison City Manager Amanda have been in discussion about tech innovation and how it fits in as part of the economic diversity with the University. There is the potential to join their efforts in conjunction with the OEDIT CHIPS Community Support Program Grant.
6. We are working on revising the MMOF (Multimodal Transportation and Mitigation) allocations after receiving notice that our allocation was reduced by \$900k during the latest state budgeting process.

iii. Community Development/Enterprise Zone

1. We have received the DOLA contract for the Community Development Mini-Grant. A total of \$50k is available in increments of up to \$10k per project. Notices and applications have been sent to local governments. We have received two applications back.
2. Michelle Haynes is working on the Enterprise Zone redesignation application in Courtney's absence. Application is due August 1st, 2025. Courtney has conducted research and gathered data to support including areas of Ouray and Gunnison counties that were excluded from the initial evaluation. The anticipated date for the Economic Development Commission to review applications is September or October.
3. A letter of support template will be sent to each of the counties to complete and return for the Redesignation application. Counties will still be able to submit letters of support after the August 1st deadline.
4. The Region 10 Grant Guide is near completion and will be ready for distribution in August. The guide will include state and federal grant information. The goal is to help our smaller communities understand available grants and grants management.

b. Small Business Resource Center | Nancy Murphy

i. SBDC/Business Cultivator

1. USDA has extended a no cost grant extension for the cultivator until September 30th, 2027.
2. We recently held a cultivator update for our stakeholders and partners.
3. SBDC numbers have been omitted from the report due to SBDC working on a software transition from Center IC to Salesforce. We anticipate August numbers to be low due to data migration.
4. The Small Business Toolkit is completed and available. Printed copies are available. In addition, there is a [PDF version](#) on our website and an online [interactive version](#) available. The interactive version allows you to customize the toolkit specifically to your community and small businesses.
5. Please reach out to Patty Gabriel (pgabriel@region10.net) or Nancy Murphy (nancy@region10.net) if you would like assistance to implement the toolkit in your community.

ii. Business Loan Fund

1. Our BLF team processed their first loan through the new loan software, LoanWell. They are still ironing out the kinks but anticipate being up and running in full force soon.

2. The BLF state meeting will be held in September in Crested Butte. Sarah and Dario will host other rural regional loans funds from around the state.

c. Community Living Services – Area Agency on Aging | Brian Bowler

- i. We are hosting a meeting in Crested Butte for the AAA directors from around the state.
- ii. Amy Gottwald with USAging will be attending. Amy serves as Chief, Public Policy and External Affairs and acts as a representative and advocate for AAA agencies before Congress and the Administration.
- iii. State AAA directors are looking to implement a statewide website where each region is represented with their resources. This will help provide standardized information across the state.
- iv. Joe Walkers' last day was June 20th. Kerry Brickey will step into the role of Volunteer Program manager; we are currently in the hiring process for a volunteer program coordinator. The volunteer program coordinator will take on several roles with the RSVP, senior companion and SHIP (State Health Insurance program) programs.
- v. Due to rate changes with Medicare and Medicaid several of our home care providers are giving up the Medicaid homecare benefit. One of the biggest Medicaid benefits was long-term in-home health care which allows the aging population to remain in their homes. We have had to rewrite our MOU for Medicaid providers to accommodate the changes.
- vi. We are working with VOA (Volunteers of America) to move the management and administration of the Moms Meals program. We will continue to provide the funding, and they will provide administrative support.
- vii. AAA funding comes to us in many different parts and can only be used for what it is allocated for (i.e., transportation for transportation, education funds for approved methods, meals for meals). Funding cannot be transferred between different programs.
- viii. Funding for meals comes to us in two different parts, congregate meals and home delivered meals. Congregate meals are on-site meals and that is where the bulk of the funding is allocated for. However, home-delivered meals are where we need the funding the most. The home delivered meals will have a shortfall in funding next year. We are using money out of our state programs and other programs to help make up the shortfall. In the past we have had approximately 30k home delivered meals per year.

d. Broadband | Corey Bryndal

- i. Broadband Presentation: Corey gave a presentation of the current broadband network and expansion efforts, which are anticipated to be completed by the end of the year.

e. GVTPR - Gunnison Valley Transportation Planning Region | Michelle Haynes

- i. The STAC meeting was not held this month.
- ii. Next GVTPR meeting is August 14th, 2025. The agenda is to approve our portion of the 2050 statewide plan.

5. APPROVAL OF Reports for August 2025

- a. **ACTION ITEM:** Motion to approve Reports; M/S: John Clark / Mike Lane, as accepted. None opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:36pm