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REAP BOARD MEETING

October 13, 2016

11:45 a.m.

Front Range Airport, Watkins, CO

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Regional Economic Advancement Partnership was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Cyndi Delaney Presiding, who welcomed the attendees and called for introductions.

The following Board Members were present:

Rod Bockenfeld	Wil Chase	Doug Claussen	Kristi Cranston
Cyndi Delaney	Ivy Fischer	Frank Linnebur	Mark Harding
Neal Mancuso	Matt Reay	Paul Rosenberg	Jan Yeckes

Board Members not present:

Charles Bayley	Glenn Conser	Rick Cranston	Kathy Dean
Gary Duke	Michelle Gayeski	Kristina Greeno	Al Holcomb
Kirk Holwell	Monica Johnson	Norm Johnson	Sandra Johnson
Mike LeClair	Grider Lee	Mark Linnebur	Gary May
Terry NeSmith	Jan Pawlowski	Brad Pierce	Dave Ruppel
Glenn Rotkovich	Louis Salazar	Kevin Schott	Tom Turrell
Kent Vashus	Dennis Veal	Jeff Vogel	Becky Zierer

Guests attending were:

Rachel	Bacon	Adams County
David	Clamage	Saulsbury Hill Financial
Janet	Cook	Arapahoe County Candidate
Erin	Degutis	Excel Energy
John	Hickey	D & D Water Service
Mimi	Hickey	D & D Water Service
Don	Hulse	Colorado Motor Sports
Julio	Iturreria	Arapahoe County
Jack	Keever	Reap
Robert	Kiess	IREA
Cynthia	Kiyotake	Arapahoe County Libraries
Jennifer	Lien	Siemens Industry, Inc.
Josh	Liss	IREA
Kathy	Mahan	Reap
Krista	Mann	Invenergy LLC
Martin	Metsker	Core Engineering
Connie	Moos	Guaranty Bank
Rick	Reed	Adams County
Stephen	Riviera	Siemens Industry, Inc.
Ben	Turner	Invenergy LLC
Wayne	Walvoord	Retired
Lori	Wisner	Adams County
Rebecca	Zamora	Adams County

Approval of the September 8, 2016 Minutes

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Chairman's Report:

Executive Director Report:

Jack Keever announced that October is the last regular meeting for 2017. November will be the Board of Directors only and no meeting in December. Jack asked Kathy Mahan to report on the Annual Farm Festival. The festival was a huge success, over 835 meals were served by May Farms over the course of the two day festival. A survey conducted at the Festival revealed that visitors came from all over the Denver Metro Area as well as the Corridor. Many heard about the event through Facebook, 9News and the I-70 Corridor. They enjoyed the animals, live demonstrations, the corn maze and a number of rides. An exit survey revealed that the visitors found the event fun and engaging. In 2017, Agritourism Committee is planning to sponsor 2 festivals one in the spring and one in the fall.

Guest Speakers:

Jan Yeckes, Planning Division Manager with Arapahoe County discusses changes to the land development code and how land can be developed. The code is being updated because many sections are obsolete and it's difficult to find information. The primary goal is to improve the County's planned unit development (PUD) system to include a simpler review process and administrative approvals for site specific plans. This change is only to the process and will not change current zoning. For further information Jan suggested going to the Arapahoe County website or contact her directly.

Krista Mann & Ben Turner with Invenergy LLC spoke about the Rush Creek Wind Farm. Rush Creek I Project is 97,234 acres located in Elbert County. Rush Creek II is 42,600 acres located in Lincoln, Kit Carson and Cheyenne Counties. There are 25 miles between both wind turbine projects. Land use currently consists of farming and ranching operations, and existing missile site substations in Arapahoe County. In 2016 Invenergy and Xcel have signed a purchase and sale agreement, the expected closing is expected to occur in late 2016 or early 2017. Upon closing, Invenergy would transfer Rush Creek Wind Energy II LLC to Xcel. Invenergy is responsible for the development of the wind farms, and Xcel is responsible for the development of a 90-mile transmission line that connects to the main grid. Xcel has said the energy from the Rush Creek Wind project will be the "lowest-cost wind power on our Colorado system. It's estimate to save ratepayers more than \$400 million over 25 years. The Rush Creek Wind Project is expected to create as many as 350 jobs for construction and operations. All wind turbines will be manufactured in Colorado.

Jennifer Lien with Siemens Industry, Inc. and David Clamage with Saulsbury Hill Financial talked about energy efficiency for commercial buildings. Jennifer explained that Siemens has over 348,000 employees employed in 200 countries. Siemens Industry, Inc. works on building technologies and is based out of Buffalo Grove, Illinois. They employ over 7,000 employees in 100 local offices. They specialize on performance contracting, safety/security, fire, controls and HVAC. Siemens helps businesses with intelligent infrastructure that is energy efficient and water conservation. They have helped businesses with developing a plan based on conservation savings by offsetting existing energy costs. David Clamage helps clients with available options to finance needed projects. David encouraged people to visit the Colorado C-PACE website. C-PACE is a financing tool that allows commercial and multifamily property owners to finance qualifying energy efficiency, water conservation, and other clean energy improvements on existing and newly constructed properties, with repayment of the financing through a voluntary assessment on their property tax bill.

Other Business:

The next Reap meeting will be January 12, 2017.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.