

**DRAFT**  
**MINUTES**  
**REAP BOARD MEETING**

February 9, 2017

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 Gary Duke, who welcomed the attendees and called for introductions.

**The following Board Members were present:**

Jeff Baker	Doug Claussen	Cyndi Delany	Gary Duke
Ivy Fischer	Michelle Gayeski	Mary Hodge	Al Holcomb
Kirk Holwell	Monica Johnson	Frank Linnebur	Neal Mancuso
Gary May	Brad Pierce	Christina Pastori	Paul Rosenberg
Glenn Rotkovich	Louis Salazar	Kevin Schott	Tom Turrell
Kent Vashus	Jeff Vogel	Jan Yeckes	Becky Zierer

**Board Members not present:**

Wil Chase	Glenn Conser	Kristi Cranston	Rick Cranston
Kathy Dean	Mark Harding	Norm Johnson	Sandra Johnson
Steve Johnson	Robert Kiess	Theresa NeSmith	Royce Pindell
Rich Pulliam	Robin Purdy	Matt Reay	Dave Ruppel

**Guests attending were:**

Zach	Angotti	High Plains Bank
Jason	Batchelor	Aurora Deputy Manager
Steve	Chevalier	Tri-County Health
Kathleen	Conti	Arapahoe Commissioner
Marilyn	Cross	CDOT
Peggy	Flannigan	Ranch Owner
Bob	Hastings	RE Hastings
Lisa	Hudson	SBDC
Julio	Iturreria	Arapahoe County
Jack	Keever	Reap
Grider	Lee	Bennett Trustee
Kathy	Mahan	Reap
Abel	Montoya	Adams County
Connie	Moos	Guaranty Bank
Melanie	Morehart	Mortensen Construction
Aaron	Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Bob	Stewart	Hillside County Homes
Kristin	Sullivan	Adams County
Wayne	Walvoord	
Lori	Wisner	Adams County

**Approval of the January 12, 2017 Minutes**

Minutes were approved as submitted.

**Chairman's Report:**

**Executive Director Report:**

Jack Keever reported that in January Reap featured the Colorado Rural School Alliance. Their goal is to increase the opportunities available to rural students in Colorado by working closely with industries and businesses to provide new opportunities and partnerships. Reap is looking into ways to develop these relationships with industrial partners.

The Town of Bennett has plans to build a new Town Hall and Wastewater Treatment Facility. To help with project costs Bennett will be soliciting private contributions. Donors who will be providing their discretionary funds for these needed projects. The Town has submitted a request to the Colorado Economic Development Commission for the approval of state tax credits for donors to these projects.

Neal Mancuso thanked Reap for the letter of support for this project.

Jack introduced Lisa Hudson, the new Director of the SBDC.

**Guest Speakers:**

**Melanie Morehart, Senior Project Manager – Mortensen Gaylord Project**

Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center will feature 1,507 guest rooms and 114 suites, 485,000 sf of flexible convention space and 8 dining outlets. Included with this project is a 22,000 sf indoor pool and 800' lazy river resort style outdoor pool with shopping, fitness areas and a spa. Construction of 2.7 miles of road will connect 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue to E-470. Currently there are 550 people working on the site and more than \$350 million in contracts have been awarded to Colorado companies. Once built the anticipated peak workforce is 1,000 – 1,200 new jobs. Completion of the facility is scheduled for December of 2018.

**Jason Batchelor, Aurora Deputy Manager of Development – Aurora Highlands**

The Aurora Highlands is a large master plan community approximately located East of E-470, South of 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue, North of 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue and West of Powhawton Road. Currently the 3,500 acre site is raw land. When build out this development will include 15 – 20,000 single family homes and multi-family units. Several million sf is planned for commercial and industrial uses. There are many national firms interested in relocating their businesses to the area. This project is in the pre-development stages. All water for this project will come from the City of Aurora.

**Other Business:**

The next Reap meeting is March 12, 2017.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.