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REAP BOARD MEETING

April 14, 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 Chairman Gary Duke, who welcomed the attendees and called for introductions.

The following Board Members were present:

Doug Claussen	Kristi Cranston	Cyndi Delaney	Gary Duke
Ivy Fischer	Mark Harding	Kirk Holwell	Norm/Sandra Johnson
Grider Lee	Gary May	Jan Pawlowski	Brad Pierce
Matt Reay	Glenn Rotkovich	Kent Vashus	Jan Yeckes
Becky Zierer			

Board Members not present:

Charles Bayley	Rod Bockenfeld	Wil Chase	Glenn Conser
Kathy Dean	Michelle Gayeski	Kristina Greeno	Al Holcomb
Monica Johnson	Mike LeClair	Mark/Frank Linnebur	Neal Mancuso
Terry NeSmith	Paul Rosenberg	Dave Ruppel	Louis Salazar
Kevin Schott	Tom Turrell	Dennis Veal	Jeff Vogel

Guests attending were:

Zach	Angotti	High Plains Bank
Alicia	Beard	WildRock
Janet	Cook	Candidate Arapahoe County
Craig	Curl	SBDC
Karl	Dakin	Greenhouse District LLC
Bob	Hastings	RE Hastings
Julio	Iturreria	Arapahoe County
Jack	Keever	Reap
Deanne	Kelly	Tri-County Health
Cynthia	Kiyotake	Arapahoe County Libraries
Grider	Lee	Town of Bennett
Kathy	Mahan	Reap
Maria	Mittlestadt	Adam's Warrior Buddy
Brian	Molitoris	Photographer
Connie	Moos	Guaranty Bank
Amy	Noah	I-70 CoCC
Lisa	Oliveto	Tri-County Health
Christina	Pastori	Resident Realty
Dee	Vashus	Visitor
Stefanie	Walters	WildRock
Jim	Woods	J & L Roofing
Rebecca	Zamora	Adams County

Approval of the March 14, 2016 Minutes

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Chairman's Report:

Executive Director Report:

Guest Speakers:

Karl Dakin, President of Greenhouse District LLC spoke about the District. The District is a regional economic development innovation district advancing the capabilities and usage of greenhouses within indoor agriculture. The Greenhouse District has launched the Modern Agriculture Innovation Center LLC (MAGIC). The District's goal is to increase the percentage of food locally consumed in Colorado from 5% to 25%. An algae grown in greenhouses has proven to be effective to increase crop production. The District will focus upon technology and education to enable energy efficient indoor farming, greener greenhouses and reducing the cost of growing local food. Construction is currently underway of a greenhouse at May Farms. Crops grown in greenhouses use 85 – 90% less water compared to crops grown outdoors and there is zero waste.

Jan Yeckes, Arapahoe County Planning Division Manager explained new changes to the Arapahoe County zoning codes. One is the requirements for a Temporary Use Permit for seasonal ranch and farm events so impacts to neighbors, as well as safety and traffic issues are mitigated. The other code change will prohibit land application of septage or sewage in all unincorporated zone districts. Jan encouraged anyone interested in these code changes to attend the next Planning Commission meeting April 19th.

Alicia Beard, Account Manager and Stefanie Walters, Account Coordinator with WildRock Public Relations & Marketing were invited to attend and talk about their company. WildRock is providing SEO and social media services to promote Agritourism in the corridor. Hired by Reap in March 2016, WildRock is managing all social media content creation on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Google+ as well as a monthly blog for the Colorado High Plains Adventure website.

Other Business:

Gary Duke invited Maria Mittlestadt with Adam's Warrior Buddy to speak about her non-profit organization. Adam's Warrior Buddy is a non-profit founded by Maria and her husband. Having two sons in the military, one of their sons was severely injured and needed a service dog to treat PTSD. The cost of these specially trained dogs is very expensive and there is a great need for veterans returning with this condition. 100% of all contributions made will go directly to the training of these dogs to help veteran. Adam's Warrior Buddy and May Farms are joining together to sponsor a dog jog event at May Farms May 28th to raise funds for the non-profit.

The next Reap meeting will be May 12th at Front Range Airport.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.