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REAP BOARD MEETING

June 8, 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:

Wil Chase	Doug Claussen	Gary Duke	Mark Harding
Kirk Holwell	Paul Rosenberg	Tom Turrell	Becky Zierer

Board Members not present:

Jeff Baker	Glenn Conser	Kristi Cranston	Rick Cranston
Kathy Dean	Cyndi Delaney	Ivy Fischer	Michelle Gayeski
Mary Hodge	Al Holcomb	Monica Johnson	Norm Johnson
Sandra Johnson	Steve Johnson	Robert Kiess	Frank Linnebur
Neal Mancuso	Gary May	Theresa NeSmith	Christina Pastori
Brad Pierce	Royce Pindell	Rich Pulliam	Robin Purdy
Matt Reay	Glenn Rotkovich	Dave Ruppel	Louis Salazar
Kevin Schott	Kent Vashus	Jeff Vogel	Jan Yeckes

Guests attending were:

Craig	Curl	SCBC
Bob	Hastings	Prairie View Property Owners
Jack	Keever	Reap
Josh	Liss	IREA
Kathy	Mahan	Reap
Rebecca	McCay	Peak Vista
Evon	Meyers	Peak Vista
Connie	Moos	Guaranty Bank
Megan	Mosher	Lincoln Community Hospital
Larry	Mugler	Arapahoe County
Peg	Otto	Muddy Acres Farm
Erica	Saffer	Lincoln Community Hospital
Cliff	Smith	Comanche Crossing Museum
Kevin	Stansbury	Lincoln Community Hospital
Bob	Stewart	Hillside Country Homes
Darrel	Vanhooser	Conoco/Phillips
Lori	Wisner	Adams County

Approval of the May 11th, 2017 Minutes

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Chairman's Report:

Gary Duke called upon Kathy Mahan to report on the Spring Festival on May 27th. Kathy reported that the Festival was a success in spite of the rain. We had over 200 visitors to the festival from all over the metro area and one from North Carolina. The Agritourism Committee is planning for a fall event to take place at May Farms in Byers.

Executive Director Report:

Jack reported that Reap has been contacted by businesses looking to relocate to the Corridor. Reap has also received development reviews from Adams and Arapahoe Counties. Adams County is updating their regulations and is requesting input from the community and Arapahoe County has sent reviews for new housing developments and new oil & gas wells.

Guest Speaker:

Cliff Smith, Curator of the Comanche Crossing Museum talked about the history of the Corridor and the railroad. The first truly transcontinental railroad was joined at Comanche Crossing on August 15, 1870, Bennet and Byers were the only towns at that time. By 1907 a general store was built near the tracks for the people that were starting to live in the area. The people decided to name the town Strasburg after a man who worked for the railroad. Many moved to Strasburg to start farms, ranches and raise their families. They raised cattle, grew wheat, corn and many other crops along the I-70 Corridor. By 1915 a hotel was built across from the general store and in 1917 the people of Strasburg decided to build a new school. At that time kids living in Strasburg went to several one room school houses out in the country. The first graduates from Strasburg High School were in 1921. On August 15, 1970 thousands came to Strasburg including Colorado Governor John A. Love to celebrate the centennial of the rail joining. The Comanche Crossing Historical Society was established in 1969 for this purpose.

Kevin Stansbury, CEO with Lincoln Community Hospital talked about the main campus located in Hugo, CO. Veterans from WWII established healthcare in Hugo after the war. The main campus is a level 4 trauma center and the only facility between Aurora and Burlington. In addition they also offer skilled nursing for long term care, family practices and an assisted living home. Lincoln Community Hospital works closely with Swedish to provide tele services for strokes and psych victims. The hospital is looking to expand their services with a westward expansion, these services will include urgent care, diagnostic services and primary care providers.

Other Business:

Jack reported the next meeting is September 14th and we will be hearing from the US Patent & Trademark Office.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.