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REAP Meeting

October 11, 2018

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

The following Board Members were present:

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| Wil Chase | Ivy Craig | Gary Duke | Mark Harding |
| Kirk Holwell | Josh Liss | Theresa NeSmith | Christina Pastori |
| Paul Rosenberg | Glenn Rotkovich | Tom Turrell | Jan Yeckes |
| Becky Zierer | | | |

Guests attending were:

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| Karissa | Becklund | High Plains Bank |
| John | Brackney | Webolutions |
| Budd | Buchmann | Deer Trail Schools |
| Susie | Cook | Lincoln Community Hospital |
| Matt | Crane | Arapahoe County Clerk |
| Bob | Hastings | Prairie View HOA |
| Kevin | Hougen | Aurora Chamber |
| Lisa | Hudson | SBDC |
| Jack | Keever | Reap |
| Cynthia | Kiyotake | Arapahoe County Libraries |
| Kathy | Mahan | Reap |
| Kathy | Nickerson | Success Mortgage Partners Inc. |
| Peg | Otto | Eric's Acres |
| John | Palmer | Boy Scouts of America |
| Craig | Rathbun | Marshall Real Estate |
| Aaron | Rotkovich | Lead Valley Range |
| Mary | Sheeley | TBK Bank |
| Joyce | Thomas | Adams Commissioner Candidate |
| Stephanie | Vierrow-Fields | Boy Scouts of America |
| Karra | Walker | Town of Bennett |
| Wayne | Walvoord | Consultant |
| Daniel | Watts | Muegge Farm |
| Jennifer | Woods | Adams County |

Approval of the April 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Chairman's Report:

Executive Director Report:

Guest Speakers:

Matt Crane, Arapahoe County Clerk

Matt talked about the makeup of Arapahoe County voters as it compares to the State. Both the State and Arapahoe County reflect a larger percentage of unaffiliated voters. This happens when people get discouraged with political parties and change their status to unaffiliated. Millennials also tend to be unaffiliated voters. There are 13 ballot issues statewide and the ballots are 2 pages long. This year over 3.2 million ballots will be sent out in Colorado. For registered voters, any changes made to your driver's license will automatically update your voter registration information. He reminded us to make sure our information is up to date, because ballots are not forwarded by the Postal Service even if you completed a change of address form. In Arapahoe County 30,766 ballots were returned as undeliverable in the Primary Election alone. The last day to mail in ballots is October 30th to ensure arrival by Election Day. The cost to send your mail in ballot is .71 cents or you can drop your ballot off at designated drop off sites. All ballots must be in the Elections Office by November 6th regardless of the postmarked date. The only exceptions are ballots coming in from overseas, they must be postmarked by November 6th and their arrival is extended to November 28th for a final count. Ballots will be sent to all active registered voters beginning October 15th and must be received no later than 7 p.m. on November 6th. Colorado is a mail in ballot State. It cost the State \$3.96 to send mail in ballots out compared to \$83.76 for voting in person at polling centers. Mail-in ballots have a 99.43% voter turnout compared to a .57% turnout in the voting centers. Colorado's voting system is not connected to the internet and is among the most secure in the nation. Signatures on all mail in ballots are electronically verified. Any suspected voter fraud is referred to the District Attorney for investigation.

Kevin Hougen, President/CEO Aurora Chamber of Commerce

Kevin reviewed the 2018 Ballot Initiatives. (Exhibit A).

Other Business:

Tom Turrell invited guests to participate in a mock interview exercise with Byers students. This will take place in January & February, more information to follow.

Christina Pastori invited everyone to celebrate "Christmas on the Corridor", Dec. 1st 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

John Palmer with the Boy Scouts of America is looking for volunteers.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



2018 Ballot Initiatives

Legislatively Referred Constitutional Amendments

Amendment V – Age Qualification for General Assembly Members

- Reduces age qualification for legislative members from 25 to 21

Amendment W – Election Ballot Format for Judicial Retention

- Change the ballot format for judicial retention elections to remove the requirement that a retention question be asked for each justice and judge

Amendment X – Industrial Hemp Definition

- Changes the definition of industrial hemp from a constitutional definition to a statutory definition

Amendment Y – Congressional Redistricting

- Establishes an independent commission for congressional redistricting

Amendment Z – Legislative Redistricting

- Establishes an independent commission for state legislative redistricting

Amendment A – Prohibit Slavery and Involuntary Servitude

- Repeals a constitutional exception on the ban of slavery that allowed for slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime

Citizen Initiated Measures

Amendment 73 – Funding for Public Schools

- Increase funding for preschool through twelfth grade (P-12) public education
- Raise the state individual income tax rate for taxpayers with taxable income over \$150,000, and increase the state corporate income tax rate to provide additional funding for education
- For property taxes levied by school districts, set the assessment rate at 7.0 percent for residential properties and decrease the assessment rate to 24.0 percent for most nonresidential properties
- Registered issue committees:
 - Favor: "Great Education Colorado Issue Committee"
 - Oppose: "Don't Turn Colorado Into California"

**Constitutional Measure – A 55 percent supermajority vote is required for the approval of this initiative*

Amendment 74 – Compensation for Reduction in Fair Market Value by Government Law or Regulation

- Require the state or a local government to compensate a property owner if a law or regulation reduces the fair market value of his or her property
- Registered issue committees:
 - Favor: "Committee for Colorado's Shared Heritage"
 - Oppose: "Save Our Neighborhoods"

**Constitutional Measure – A 55 percent supermajority vote is required for the approval of this initiative*

Amendment 75– Campaign Contributions

- Increase campaign contribution limits when a candidate loans or contributes at least \$1.0 million to his or her own campaign, by allowing all candidates in the same election to collect five times the level of individual contributions currently authorized in the state constitution
- Would only apply to statewide candidates: governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer and those running for the CO General Assembly.
- Registered issue committees:
 - Favor: “Stop Buying Our Elections”
 - Oppose: N/A

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Proposition 109 – Authorize Bonds for Highway Projects

- Require the state to borrow up to \$3.5 billion in 2019 to fund up to 66 specific highway projects
- Direct the state to identify a source of funds to repay the borrowed amount without raising taxes or fees
- Limit the total repayment amount, including principal and interest, to \$5.2 billion over 20 years
- Registered issue committees:
 - Favor: “Fix Our Damn Roads”
 - Oppose: N/A

Proposition 110 – Authorize Sales Tax and Bonds for Transportation Projects

- Increase the state’s sales and use tax rate from 2.9 percent to 3.52 percent for 20 years
- Distribute the new tax revenue for transportation as follows: 45 percent to the state; 40 percent to local governments; and 15 percent for multimodal transportation projects
- Permits the state to borrow up to \$6.0 billion for transportation projects and limit the total repayment amount, including principal and interest, to \$9.4 billion over 20 years
- Registered issue committees:
 - Favor: “Coloradans For Coloradans”
 - Oppose: N/A

Proposition 111 – Limitations on Payday Loans

- Reduce the total cost for a payday loan to a 36 percent annual percentage rate
- Expand what constitutes unfair or deceptive trade practices for payday lending
- Registered issue committees:
 - Favor: “Coloradans To Stop Predatory Payday Loans”
 - Oppose: N/A

Proposition 112 – Increased Setback Requirement for Oil and Natural Gas Development

- Requires that new oil and natural gas development be located at least 2,500 feet from occupied structures, water sources, and areas designated as vulnerable
- Registered issue committees:
 - Favor: “Colorado Rising for Health and Safety”
 - Oppose: “Protecting Colorado’s Environment, Economy and Energy Independence (Protect Colorado)”