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**MINUTES**  
**REAP Meeting**  
January 10, 2019  
11:45 a.m.

Colorado Air & Spaceport, 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:**

Jeff Baker	Budd Buchmann	Wil Chase	Doug Claussen
Ivy Craig	Kristi Cranston	Gary Duke	Michelle Gayeski
Mary Hodge	Kirk Howell	Julio Iturerria	Frank Linnebur
Neal Mancuso	Theresa NeSmith	Peggy Otto Finnegan	Christina Pastori
Glenn Rotkovich	Louis Salazar	Jan Yeckes	Becky Zierer

**Guests attending were:**

Nicci	Beauprez	Adams County
Karissa	Becklund	High Plains Bank
Michael	Cranwell	Huberds
Craig	Curl	SBDC
Dave	Gruber	Aurora
Lori	Hague	Colorado Air & Spaceport
Jack	Keever	Reap
Dave	Larson	Huberds
Josh	Liss	IREA
Kathy	Mahan	Reap
Jayne	Mead	Conoco/Phillips
Katherine	Nickerson	Success Mortgage Partners
Mary	Sheely	TBK Bank
Rene	Simard	Aurora Chamber
Wayne	Walvoord	Brighton
Jennifer	Woods	Adams County

**Approval of the November 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes were approved as submitted.

**Chairman's Report:**

**Executive Director Report:**

Jack reported that Reap received full funding from both Counties for 2019. The 2019 Reap brochure is in the design process and will be completed by the February Reap meeting.

### **Guest Speakers:**

#### **Dave Ruppel, Director of Colorado Air & Spaceport**

Colorado is one of 11 Federal Aviation Administration licensed spaceports in the country. Colorado is #1 per capita in space technologies and the spaceport is further supported by a qualified workforce in the Denver Metropolitan Area. Only 6 miles SE of Denver International Airport and 29 miles from downtown Denver, the location is supported by an interstate highway system and railroads. There are 2 planned business park developments; 6,500 acres to the South and a 600 acre development to the East. This area is surrounded by more than 10,000 acres of future industrial zoned land and 1,000 acres of airport property for development. The Spaceport is licensed for Concept X spaceplanes. The Concept X spaceplanes will use existing aircraft runways to take off horizontally to space. These operations will provide access to space for scientific research experiments, space pilot training, education, space tourism and a delivery system for small satellites. In the future suborbital travel will make it possible to travel to Tokyo in 1 hour and 30 minutes compared to over 12 hours in a conventional aircraft. The spaceport designation and related businesses will create a self-sufficient aerospace eco-system. The airport is going through a rebranding process that will include a new website and signage. The airport has the minimal basics for spaceport operations, future infrastructure will be needed. Other funding sources are being explored to complete onsite infrastructure development. Future projects will include a new taxiway and large hangars to attract more corporate traffic. The County is looking to hire a consultant to help in the development of a spaceport master plan; Dave thought this would take about 8 months to complete.

### **Other Business:**

Rene Simard announced that Dave Ruppel was awarded Aurora Chamber's business person of the year. Dave Gruber, Aurora City Councilman said the City of Aurora wants to participate in discussions of future spaceport plans.

### **Adjournment:**

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