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**MINUTES**  
**REAP Meeting**  
February 14, 2019  
11:45 a.m.

Colorado Air & Space Port, 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:**

Wil Chase	Gary Duke	Mark Harding	Julio Iturreria
Peggy Otto Finnegan	Jan Yeckes		

**Guests attending were:**

Layla	Bajelan	Adams County
Nicci	Beauprez	Adams County
Candy	Campbell	Lincoln Community Hospital
Pam	Collins	Windsong Educational Environmental Foundation
Mike	Country	Guaranty Bank
Carmen	Daumer	Carmen's Curiosity Shop
Gary	Duke	Guaranty Bank
Deb	Durand	AC Economic Development
Dan	Fahey	F and C Realty
Brian	France	France Ventures
Kevin	Hougen	Aurora Chamber
Lisa	Hudson	SBDC
Ronnie	Johnson	FAN
Jack	Keever	Reap
Julie	Lewis	Integrity Insurance Agency
Kathy	Mahan	Reap
Mark	Morrison	Lincoln Community Hospital
Kathy	Nickerson	Success Mortgage Partners
Craig	Piland	Gateway Realty
Erika	Saffer	Lincoln Community Hospital
Sarah	Sell	Keller Williams
Bob	Stewart	Hillside Country Homes
Wayne	Walvood	Citizen
Dan	Watts	Muegge House
Christine	Weston	Faithful & True Ranch
Jennifer	Woods	Adams County

**Approval of the January 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Chairman's Report:**

Gary Duke announced that Jack Keever was retiring and his last meeting will be March 14<sup>th</sup>. Julio Iturreria was selected to be the Executive Director of Reap.

### **Executive Director Report:**

Jack announced that the 2019 Reap brochure is now available.

### **Guest Speakers:**

#### **Deb Durand, Vice President Investor & Community Relations in Adams County**

Deb talked about development & development opportunities in Adams County. She explained how Adams County Economic Development (ACED) works with potential employers sometimes many years ahead of actual development. ACED works through an incentive program to attract primary employers. A primary employer exports more than half of their goods and services outside the area and brings external revenues into the local economy. ACED works with potential employers through expansion & relocation assistance, real estate searches, County and property tours, research & demographics reports, planning & regulatory assistance, tax incentives, the Enterprise Zone and the Opportunity Zones. ACED's new website and marketing plan will be geared more towards social media. The social media links include: LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter. The I-70 Corridor is one of the four marketing areas of focus. The Corridor is within the Aerotropolis area which includes areas of: Airport City, Brighton, Aurora and Commerce City. Roads and exchanges are important factors in the site selection process. ACED works closely with the Adams County Planning Department to evaluate sites. Many distressed areas are also considered for future sites. ACED will be hosting a site selection summit in July and the invitation will be extended to Reap for distribution to its members. Water is the first discussion they have with businesses looking to relocate; this can be a deal breaker. A Water Matters Workshop will be held in October and Reap will be sent an invitation. There is a shortage of Class A office space in the North & Eastern areas that are similar to the Denver Tech Center. ACED uses special incentives to attract these types of high risk developments. ACED works closely with the Planning Department to look at roads, exchanges and site selection which are key component to attract new employers to the area.

### **Other Business:**

#### **Lincoln Health Mobile Clinic**

Erika Saffer, Candy Campbell & Mark Morrison with Lincoln Community Hospital run the Lincoln Mobile Health Clinic. The mobile clinic is how Lincoln Community Hospital is reaching out to the underserved communities in the I-70 Corridor area. The mobile clinic provides point of care testing, and examinations for acute conditions and vaccinations. Through an appointment they also perform well child examinations, sports physicals, and annual physicals as well as follow up examinations for chronic conditions. Other services include prescription refills for patients already established with their providers. They welcome the community to make use of the mobile clinic by showing up at one of their scheduled stops in Bennett, Byers and Deer Trail.

### **Adjournment:**

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