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November 2022 MINUTES
REAP Annual Board of Directors Meeting
Colorado Air & Space Port
November 17, 2022
12:00 pm
Zoom Meeting ID 615-031-3051

The Annual Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Kirk Holwell.

Board Members present:

Kirk Holwell

Ivy Craig

Jeff Kloska

Glenn Rotkovich

Gary May

Mark Harding

Board Members attending by Zoom:

Will Chase

Jeff Baker

Frank Linnebur

Angela Bedolla

Approval of October 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved as submitted.

Chairman's Report:

No report

Executive Director's Report:

Kip provided an explanation of the motions necessary to continue and transition REAP business with the hiring of a new Administrative Officer (Sherry James) replacing Kathy Mahan.

Motion 1 was made by Kirk & seconded by Glenn. Motion 1 was approved by all board members to compensate the new Administrative Officer at the same pay rate & benefits as her predecessor.

Motions 2 & 3 were approved by all board members to authorize a change of signatures associated with all REAP banks, accounts & CD's. The authority to obtain & use a debit card by the

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Administrative Officer & the Executive Director for necessary purchases related to REAP business was also approved by all board members.

Motions 2 & 3 were made by Kirk & seconded by Mark.

Motion 4 was approved by all board members to change the name on the post office box authorizing the new administrative official access to mail & necessary postal business on behalf of REAP.

Motion 4 was made by Gary & seconded by Jeff.

Election of Officers for 2023

The slate of officers was approved by all board members.

REAP Priorities & Review

Kip sees agrotourism and agriculture as being very important, but is not as big as a few years ago. It is not diminished as a REAP priority, but a slight shift in focus may be warranted. Transportation was a big issue in 2022. CDOT committed 1M to provide a transit bus for the I-70 corridor & there is community interest, but based on the survey, an operator is needed. Kip will contact the operator of the Bustang I-76 corridor bus service & look for other role models that can be tapped in to. Roads are also an issue as some need paving/repair & the interchanges are experiencing heavier volume. EV charging stations are also needed so opportunities will be pursued for funding. REAP provided an opportunity for Byers High School students to tour DIA to encourage job opportunities and career awareness & plans to continue these field trips into the next year. Byers obtained a State grant to provide transportation. RTD will also be an option for future career field trips. REAP has a paid high school intern that has translated the website & brochure in Spanish. This position will be retained & continued into next year.

For next year, REAP will continue to be an advocate for the expansion of aerospace opportunities. A big focus will be on water and the constraints on the aquifer. Arapahoe County has started a county-wide water supply study & has invited REAP to participate on an advisory committee which will focus on Eastern Plains & aquifer water supply & how does it contrast to other municipalities & what the opportunities may be for supply, conservation, new technology & re-use. Adams county is going to put out an RFP early next year for a water study. Kip has requested that the RFP include a requirement that any contractor conducting the water study retain REAP as an Eastern Plains aquifer focused outreach coordinator for positive exposure & a possible revenue source. Adams County representative, Lynn Baca, said she will focus to the eastern plains next year. Adams County is going to implement the Advancing Adams master plan that includes many new initiatives including a Strasburg sub area plan. Arapahoe County will undertake a new sub area plan in Byers for future development and growth. REAP will engage with both counties during their planning processes. Marketing of outdoor recreation is also still in mind. Kip will connect with a UCD business professor he knows well that has an interest in shooting & can see what expertise & resources he may be able to provide.

Glenn made the motion to accept the ED's report and seconded by Jeff. The ED's report was approved by all board members.

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Approval of Financial Report

The 3rd Qtr financial report was accepted as presented.

Follow-up discussion

REAP Brochure should focus on the priorities presented by Kip and facilitate guest speakers that relate to their focus. Water will be added as a priority in the brochure.

Would like to make REAP a thought leader or forum for aquifer water. Gary made a reference to an article in the Denver Business Journal regarding water & agriculture & reuse water. A goal was presented by Kip for REAP to sponsor a water forum at a hotel, possibly in 9 months, to bring water experts from the region together to share ideas, discuss solutions on aquifer issues, new technology, & funding sources.

Kip stated that REAP is getting recognized by downtown law firms & state representatives so an impact on REAP work is being noted. The 2023 brochure will begin the draft process soon. Discussion about which priorities outlined by Kip, if all or some, should be included in the brochure. Mark suggested a summary of each priority be included in the brochure. Some focus items could be combined into one priority. A new priority could combine energy, water & infrastructure. The corridor lacks urgent care, so there might be opportunity to combine the bus funding and funding through health care e.g. making stops at health care facilities using the I-70 corridor bus service as a partnership. There has been an increase in the area from the Spanish community so outreach may be done to see if there is interest in learning about & becoming involved with REAP. Kip will work on this through the schools, possibly presenting an evening of learning & listening for the Spanish community.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm