



MINUTES  
REAP Quarterly Meeting  
CORE Electric  
January 11, 2024  
12:00 pm

Watkins

Bennett

Strasburg

Byers

Deer Trail

Aurora

Adams  
County

Arapahoe  
County

Colorado  
Air & Space  
Port

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Kirk Holwell at 12:05 pm.

In attendance:

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| Dan Hoff        | Sarah DeWindt      |
| Robbin Schincke | Becky Zierer       |
| Nathan Sumner   | Tom Turrell        |
| Kirk Holwell    | Ivy Craig          |
| Mark Harding    | Ed Kennedy         |
| Jeff Kloska     | Frank Linnebur     |
| Jeff Baker      | Bob Stewart        |
| Judson Roberts  | Carrie             |
| Deb Yoder       | Kevin Hougan       |
| Kip Cheroutes   | Jonathan Whetstine |
| Sherry James    | Lynn Baca          |
| Isis Rojas      | Steven Vetter      |
| Tim Broslov     |                    |
| Geroge Sowers   |                    |

Attending by TEAMS:

- Lorretta Daniel
- Luke Aubert
- Gretchen Ricehill
- Grider Lee

\*NOTE: The connection for TEAMS was not functioning, so those on TEAMS dropped off soon after the presentation began.

Program:

A presentation was provided by George Sowers & Tim Broslov from Colorado School of Mines. The topic was a research project for a lunar rover that is being conducted at Colorado Air & Space Port. The link for the presentation & audio recording is available on the REAP website.

A presentation was also provided by Jeff Kloska from Colorado Air & Space Port that provided an overall update on operations & projects. The link for the presentation & audio recording is available on the REAP website.

## Updates & Announcements:

Lynn Baca reported on the Governor's state of the State address. Prop HH failed to pass in November, so the Governor called a special legislative session & skimmed off the top of the county budget. The mill levy was certified on Tuesday & the budget had a 21% increase. The county is discussing options for the increase to apply toward programs for homeowners & renters who are in need of assistance to offset the property tax increase. There is also an ongoing conversation about providing law enforcement for the Town of Bennett through an IGA & the cost of the contract for support from the Adams County Sheriff that Bennett hired the county to provide. A cost has not been agreed on yet.

Jeff Baker reported that the county is still dealing with the separation of Tri-County Health Dept. & the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District is splitting & Douglas, Elbert, & Lincoln counties will form a new 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District. The 18<sup>th</sup> will remain Arapahoe County only which will absorb about 170 DA employees into the county system. Several new bills will be coming forward because of Prop HH failing. Jeff will be the vice chair of DRCOG in 2024 & said a new transportation bill will be introduced for high density areas which will help increase affordable housing. The County is considering 2 ballot measures, 1 to debrise TABOR so the property taxes are not under TABOR, or a sales tax increase. The county is experiencing the same inflation as residents, a rise in material costs & paying employees a competitive wage.

Kip provided REAP updates. REAP meetings will be held quarterly with the next meeting held in April. Events will be held in the alternate months. For February, a joint Zoom meeting will be scheduled with Aurora Chamber of Commerce with guest speaker CDOT Region 1 Director, Katie Dawson. The topic will be an update on the projects along I-70 from Aurora to Deer Trail. On March 8, REAP will participate in the Byers Knowledge Bowl fundraiser & REAP will form a team to participate. REAP is also organizing a field trip to CU Medical Campus in early June for @30 students at all High Schools who are interested in medical professions to participate in hands on demonstrations & learn about career opportunities in health. REAP will provide transportation & lunch for the field trip. A social event is also planned to "meet your new neighbors" in the Sky Ranch neighborhood to find out what's on their mind about their community. Arapahoe County is beginning the Bijou Basin Open Space Master Plan & REAP will be involved. West Bijou Creek touches Byers & connections for trails & open space can be made. The schedule for REAP this year is energetic & aggressive, so watch for emails that will include dates & information about upcoming events. A new brochure has been developed & Isis sent out inquiry letters to charter plane companies to consider CASP for landing & parking their planes. Isis also organized groups of Spanish speaking students & Byers residents to conduct a survey for Arapahoe County regarding the Byers Sub-Area Plan. The Sub-Area plan for Strasburg will be done next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm. An executive session for the REAP officers followed the meeting.