

REAP Quarterly Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2024
CORE Electric

Watkins

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Kip Cheroutes, Ex. Director began the meeting at 12:05 pm.

Bennett

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Kip reminded all attendees that the REAP membership meetings have been restructured to quarterly meetings, so minutes, treasurer’s report, chair report, etc. is not on the agenda. The purpose is to provide interesting & useful information to the membership through presentations & speakers, organize & promote advocacy when needed, & provide business to business networking opportunities.

Strasburg

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Deer Trail voters have passed a new sales & use tax for the first time that will begin July 1, 2024, for financing a rebuild of the town’s water system.

Byers

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The meeting covered water updates & water studies for the I-70 corridor towns & counties featuring speakers from Adams County, Arapahoe County, & West Bijou Creek Drainage Study. Mark Harding provided follow-up commentary & questions regarding the application to regional land use.

Deer Trail

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Meeting Attendees:

Aurora

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Luke Aubert	Karen Thorpe
Beau Flores	Becky Zierer
Nathan Sumner	Nick Eagleson
Ivy Craig	Berta Guadarrama
Mark Harding	Mary Sheely
Gary May	Loretta Daniel
Claire Van Kampen	Michael Colbitt
Sherry James	Frank Linnebur
Kip Cheroutes	Angie Bedolla
Isis Rojas	Tina Prinsloo

Adams
County

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Arapahoe
County

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Colorado
Air & Space
Port

Attending by TEAMS:

Bob Garcia	Robert Kiess
Justin ?	Robbin Schincke
Will Koger	Carrie Bonds
Ethan Rouse	

REAP MISSION Statement

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An audio recording for the program presentations is posted on the REAP website under **Presentations**.

Items coming up on the REAP calendar:

On April 24, REAP organized a field trip for Byers & Strasburg HS FFA, FBLA & Chemistry students to visit Orenga & Kazmira in Watkins to learn about regenerative agriculture, biochar & CBD/Hemp production.

Late summer, a neighborhood back to school event is being organized to be held at Sky Ranch Academy for the purpose of 1) a back-to-school celebration, 2) come meet your neighbors, 3) to introduce & educate about being water wise.

On May 14th at the Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners will present a “thank you & recognition” to Isis Rojas for her excellent work with REAP & also her outstanding achievements in outreach collecting surveys from the Spanish speaking community & HS students on the ArapCo Byers Sub-Area Plan, in addition to translating the REAP website to Spanish, assisting with meetings, & various other tasks. Kip also recognized her with a thank you gift from REAP. The April meeting was her last in person event before she graduates & ends her internship with REAP.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

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