

MINUTES
REAP BOARD MEETING
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November 12, 2009
11:45 a.m.
May Farms

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Regional Economic Advancement Partnership was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chairman Wil Chase.

Roll Called with the following Board Members present:

Rod Bockenfeld	Wil Chase	Doug Claussen	Gary Duke
Ivy Fischer	Dennis Heap	Al Holcomb	Kirk Holwell
Sue Horn	Mike LeClair	Frank Linnebur	Gary May
Alice Nichol	Matt Reay		

The following Board Members were absent

Chad Argentar	Glenn Conser	Patty Doyle	Frank Fields
John Knight	Jerry Rolfs	Paul Rosenberg	Tom Turrell
Bob Yaich			

Guests attending were:

Carmen Alfonso	Plains Medical Center
Charles Bayley	Town of Bennett
Richard Coleman	Bennett School District
Michelle Durham	Accounting Services
Tom Gierwatoski	Chase Pharmacy
Mark Harding	Rangeview Water
Rose Houston	Citizens for Watkins
Don Hulse	Commanche Crossing
Julio Iturreria	Arapahoe County
Jack Keever	REAP
Luanne Lown	REAP & I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce
Bill Lyons	Plains Medical Center
Stacie Nerger	Adams County
Terry Ne Smith	Citywide Banks
Lou Otto	Byers Development Council
Rich Pulliam	Town of Bennett
Aaron Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Glenn Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Scott Tempel	Adams County
Steven Vetter	I-70 Publishing Company
Jeff Vogel	Vogel-Vogel & Associates
Chuck Weiss	Huitt-Zollars
Greg Wright	Edward Jones
Keith Yaich	Bennett School District
Jan Yeckes	Arapahoe County Planning

A quorum was present.

Minutes Approved

The Minutes of the October 15, 2009 Board Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion was made by Dennis Heap and seconded by Sue Horn to approve the Minutes as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Rod Bockenfeld presented Jack Keever with coffee mugs for use in each county as he works on behalf of REAP.

Matt Reay –Rural Road Standards

Matt Reay gave a brief report on the committee that is working on the engineering standards to upgrade the rural roads. Better roads will definitely help with economic growth. They would like input from the local citizens. Another meeting is tomorrow and if you would like to attend or further information, please contact him. They are looking for items of concern and ideas.

I-70 Corridor Study & Plan

Jack Keever gave the background of REAP's decision to pursue a comp plan for the area and gave an overview of topics that had been discussed at REAP meetings this past year. He commended Charles Bayley for his work in organizing an informal group to discuss water issues. He then asked Charles to give a brief update.

Jack Keever introduced Scott Tempel to share the Adams County input on the Comprehensive Plan. He thanked him for his support and contributions to REAP and wished him well in his new job in Minnesota. Scott Temple introduced Stacey Nerger as the person who would now be our point of contact in the office. .

Jan Yeckes reported that Arapahoe County received three proposals for an economic assessment of the corridor. A notice to proceed is expected to be given in the next month

Julio Iturreria presented the year long I-70 corridor study conducted by REAP, Arapahoe and Adams counties. It included all the major participants, reasons, maps, sub-area plans and an outline of the next steps in the process.

Alice Nichol thanked Scott, Julio and Jan for their work on the corridor study and for observing what was happening here on the eastern edge of the county and keeping her informed. She also shared that she and Rod Bockenfeld and a good working relationship to help the area.

Dennis Heap was very pleased with the progress that is being made in the area. Front Range Airport aims to be the economic engine for eastern Adams County. The new materials and website should make it easier to sell the area for development.

Sue Horn added that water was critical for growth. She also stated that growth was coming and that we might be the ones to control it through the voice of REAP. We need the economic base to fund needs and offer the opportunity for agriculture to co-exist.

Don Hulse also thanked Arapahoe County for their work on the study.

Announcements

December 5, Cindy Acree is hosting a Water Summit at May Farms and Gary May and Wil Chase invited anyone interested to attend. Contact them for more details as they become available.

Jack Keever announced that there would be a Board meeting on December 10 at Front Range Airport. It will be a work session to discuss the plans for 2010.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.