

**Draft MINUTES**  
**REAP BOARD MEETING**

December 8, 2011  
11:45 a.m.  
May Farms, Byers, Colorado

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Regional Economic Advancement Partnership was called to order at 11:58 a.m. by Chairman Matt Reay, who welcomed the attendees and called for introductions.

**The following Board Members were present:**

Sue Horn	Ivy Fischer	Wil Chase	Chris Deverell
Frank Linnebur	Stacey Nerger (alt.)	Mike LeClair	Ken Lawson
Kirk Holwell	Gary May	Matt Reay	Gary Duke
Glenn Rotkovich	Paul Rosenberg	Bob Yaich	

**The following Board Members were absent:**

Chad Argentar	Glenn Conser	Frank Doyle(alt.)	Frank Fields
Al Holcomb	Charles Bayley (alt.)	Alice Nichol	Doug Claussen
Terry NeSmith	Tom Turrell	Patty Doyle	Rod Bockenfeld

**Guests attending were:**

Dolores	Tippett	Tippett & Woodis Farms
Mark	Beede	Retired Corridor Resident
Lois	Buckman	REAP/I-70 CCOC
Jeff	Vogel	Vogel & Associates
Julio	Iturreria	Arapahoe County
Ronny	Marshall	AmericaHomeKey Mortgage
Jack	Keever	REAP
Cheryl	Everitt	Wilson & Company
Troy	Eisenbaum	Wilson & Company
Steven	Vetter	I-70 Scout
Don	Hulse	Comanche Crossing
Aaron	Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Mike	Kopp	IREA
Neil	Mancuso	Town of Bennett
Martin	Landers	Kendrick Consulting
Melissa	Kendrick	Kendrick Consulting

**Approval of Minutes:**

Chairman Matt Reay asked for any revisions to the minutes of the November 10, 2011. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as written.

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman Matt Reay had the opportunity to visit with the Arapahoe County Commissioners and EPS at their December 6<sup>th</sup> presentation which was very well received by the Commissioners. Everyone is looking forward to moving on to the next phase.

**Executive Director:**

Jack Keever reported that in response to recent oil and gas activity in the Commerce City area, Adams County sent a letter to approximately 2500 homeowners stating their position on oil and gas regulations, with a copy to David Nalen, Director of Oil & Gas at the state, asking for improvement of how they provide notifications. A copy of the letter was made available to attendees. Jack also reported that 6500 acres around Front Range Airport had been sold. Jack asked Ken Lawson to brief attendees about the space program. Ken Lawson reported that a few months ago Front Range Airport was approached about a space travel project that would involve point to point transportation with horizontal launch in to airspace and travel at about 300,000 feet. Front Range has the closeness to DIA with the ability to provide takeoff from a rural airport. There is also an established aerospace industry in the Denver area. An application will be made to the federal government for a Spaceport designation.

**Guest Speakers:**

Kevin Gildea, Colorado Project Director for NextEra Energy Resources provided information about his Fortune 200 Company and their wind generation projects located in Colorado and in 21 other states. Their newest Colorado project consists of 4500 miles of transmission lines that will run from Limon crossing through Arapahoe County and tying into the grid at the missile site near Deer Trail. The route will generally run along I-70, cutting east at Cedar Point. All right of way acquisitions have been completed without using eminent domain. During construction, over 200 jobs will be created with 18 to 20 full-time jobs remaining after construction is complete in September of 2012.

Melissa Kendrick and Martin Landers of Kendrick Consulting gave an update on the Town of Bennett Comprehensive Plan. The approval process has involved extensive public participation through public meetings that included a combination of residents, business owners and public officials. The final draft will be presented to the Bennett Planning Commission on January 16<sup>th</sup> and will go to the Board of Trustees on January 24, 2012.

**Other Business:**

Town of Bennett Mayor Sue Horn added that the Bennett Comp. Plan has always been a regional plan, not just a town plan. Development will ultimately impact and benefit all of us along the corridor. Bennett want's to work with the entire corridor. Jack agreed that Bennett is becoming an economic driver in addition to Front Range Airport.

**Announcements:**

Jack announced that the January REAP meeting will be a Board of Directors planning session. The next public REAP meeting will be held on February 9, 2012.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.