

Draft MINUTES
REAP BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2011
11:45 a.m.
Front Range Airport, Watkins, Colorado

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

The following Board Members were present:

Charles Bayley (alt.)	Wil Chase	Patty Doyle	Gary Duke
Sue Horn	Ken Lawson	Mike LeClair	Matt Reay
Glenn Rotkovich	Tom Turrell		

The following Board Members were absent:

Chad Argentar	Rod Bockenfeld	Doug Claussen	Glenn Conser
Chris Deverell	Frank Fields	Ivy Fischer	Al Holcomb
Kirk Holwell	Frank Linnebur	Gary May	Terry Nesmith
Alice Nichol	Paul Rosenberg	Bob Yaich	

Guests attending were:

Jack	Keever	REAP
Lois	Buckman	REAP
Neal	Mancuso	Town of Bennett
Don	Hulse	Comanche Crossing
Tom	Henley	Xcel Energy
Bill	Wiggins	Unique Properties
Ron	Hovland	Arapahoe County
Sherman	Feher	Arapahoe County
Christopher	LaRue	Adams County
Brian	Hlavacek	Tri-County Health
Julio	Iturreria	Arapahoe County
Jeff	Vogel	Vogel & Associates
Stuart	McArthur	Town of Bennett
Mark	Harding	Rangeview Water/Pure Cycle Coproration
Dennis	Heap	Front Range Airport
John	Small	Town of Bennett
Grider	Lee	Town of Bennett
Martin	Metsker	Nolte
Richard	Coleman	Bennett School District
Steven	Vetter	I-70 Scout
Keith	Yaich	Bennett School District
Terrye	Hoffman	Prairie Skies Technical Services
Aaron	Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Cal	Schultz	Country Gardens
Ed	Vandertook	Strasburg School District
Connie	Moos	Guaranty Bank and Trust

Porter	Ingrum	City of Aurora
John	Fernandez	City of Aurora
Rick	Rome	Nolte

There were 39 people in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Patty Doyle to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2010 meeting as well as the January 13, 2011 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Glenn Rotkovich. The minutes were approved.

Executive Director:

Jack Keever discussed the 2011 REAP Brochure and emphasized partnerships with the communities listed on the brochure. Jack hoped that the Economic Assessment that was completed in 2010 would give the I-70 corridor a good, clean, sellable vision for economic development in the area. He welcomed suggestions. Jack asked Jan Yeckes to provide an update on the status of the Economic Assessment Report. Jan advised that after a final review, that they were very close to working out some language recommendations and that the final report should be available in a pdf format very soon. Jack added that REAP would post the report on its website when it becomes available. Jack advised attendees that he had asked Matt Reay to represent REAP at the Governors Economic Development Forum held last Friday. Matt informed the attendees that the Governor spoke about the concept of having a bottom up approach to economic development for the state, starting with the counties and fourteen economic development regions. The Governor spoke of incentives and ideas to help promote economic development in Colorado, including fair business taxes and a review of regulations. REAP is very interested in participating along with Arapahoe and Adams counties to help bring this plan forward. Sue Horn added that the forum was a sharing of ideas and that the Office of Economic Development will post meeting minutes on their website at www.advancecolorado.com. Jack added that REAP would invite state officials to a future meeting in order to give them a presentation on REAP's efforts in the area.

Jack asked Julio to report about his attendance at a Bureau of Reclamation water program. Julio advised the attendees that the program looks into the feasibility for water in the area. To be eligible applicants must be a municipality or county. Julio suggested that we are not quite ready for this program because we are still a little too fragmented right now. He would like everyone to read and understand the economic assessment and then follow through with a comp plan so that a partnership can be created. Once a comp plan and partnership is in place, he felt this program would be a wonderful way to go. Jack suggested that anyone who wants more information about this program get in touch with Julio.

Guest Speakers:

Dennis Heap, Director of Operations at Front Range Airport, updated attendees on the status of development at Front Range Airport. A business development plan for the airport was completed last year. This plan provides Front Range with the tools to move things forward. Front Range Airport will focus on services for large general aviation and large military aircraft. Providing shuttle service between Front Range Airport and DIA helped to increase traffic. To overcome obstacles to growth, Front Range will need to complete a terminal renovation, continue to provide DIA shuttle service and increase published runway strengths. The addition of Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) capabilities, which are expected to be certified in April of this year, will also encourage growth.

Mark Harding, President and CEO of Pure Cycle Corporation and Rangeview Metro Water District, provided information on their recent acquisition of Sky Ranch, a 950 acre development near Watkins. Mark also gave a brief update on regional water activities with the 15 separate water providers in the south metro area along with the City of Aurora and Denver water departments. These water providers are moving forward in the area of joint development of additional water supplies and planning cooperatively rather than competitively.

Other Business:

Jack advised that Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Sharpe has taken the Chair position of the Colorado Water Partnership.

Announcements:

Jack announced that the next meeting will be on March 10th at May Farms. Barry Gore of Adams County Economic Development will join as the guest speaker.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.