

MINUTES REAP BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2010
11:45 a.m.
May Farms

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Regional Economic Advancement Partnership was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chairman Wil Chase.

Roll Called with the following Board Members present:

Wil Chase	Gary Duke	Ivy Fischer	Kirk Holwell
Sue Horn	Mike LeClair	Frank Linnebur	Gary May
Matt Reay	Paul Rosenberg	Tom Turrell	

The following Board Members were absent:

Chad Argentar	Rod Bockenfeld	Doug Claussen	Glenn Conser
Patty Doyle	Frank Fields	Dennis Heap	Al Holcomb
John Knight	Stuart McArthur	Stacey Nerger	Alice Nichol
Jerry Rohlfs	Bob Yaich		

Guests attending were:

Fay Chase	Byers General Store & I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce
Matt Prosser	Economic and Planning Systems
Andrew Knudtsen	Economic and Planning Systems
Jay Peters	Vision Land Consultants
Jan Yeckes	Arapahoe County Planning
Glenn Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Aaron Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Julio Iturreria	Arapahoe County Planning
Charles Bayley	Town of Bennett
Martin Metsker	Nolte
Theresa Nesmith	Citywide Banks
Don Hulse	Commanche Crossing
Connie Moos	Guaranty Bank
Chris LaRue	Adams County Planning
Delores Tippett	Tippett & Woodis Farms
Jeff Marck	Vogel & Associates
Barry Lubbers	Cargill
Zachary Schmidt	Cargill
Dr. Zettie Page	Plains Medical Center
Morgan Honea	Plains Medical Center
Ed Vandertook	Strasburg School District
Kathy Smiley	I-70 Scout
Lois Buckman	REAP & I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the February 11, 2010 Board Meeting were accepted as written.

Guest Speakers

Dr. Zettie Page, Executive Director and Morgan Honea, Chief Operating Officer – Plains Medical Center

Dr. Page gave an overview of the future plans and expansion of the Plains Medical Center, which was established in the Hugo and Limon area in 1978 as a rural health care clinic. The Plains Medical Center is working to strengthen and develop comprehensive services and is laying the groundwork to expand and strengthen their infrastructure. The Strasburg Clinic will become an anchor complex with administrative offices, providing medical specialties and medical partnerships with metro-area facilities such as University Hospital.

Andrew Knudtsen, Principal with Economic & Planning Systems Inc. (EPS, Inc.)

Andrew is working with Arapahoe County on their Economic Assessment and Infrastructure Study. The study will determine what can be done to prepare this region for economic growth in the four mile wide corridor along I-70 from eastern Aurora to the county line. The market based study will take into account the assets and impediments to development in the I-70 Corridor area. EPS will provide economic development strategies by collecting data and distilling it down to information that local governments and businesses can use in planning for future growth in the corridor.

Other Business:

Barry Lubbers and Zachary Schmidt of Cargill introduced themselves and spoke about their commodity marketing service and the agriculture industry in the I-70 area. Cargill has a strong presence in eastern Colorado, operating grain elevators in Byers, Burlington and Cheyenne Wells.

Announcements

Jack Keever announced that Arapahoe County is in the process of printing the Corridor Study Map. The map will be distributed as an insert in the I-70 Scout.

Wil Chase thanked Julio Iturreria and Arapahoe County for their work on the maps and assistance with printing and distribution.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.