

MINUTES
REAP BOARD MEETING
DRAFT

April 9, 2009
11:45 a.m.
May Farms

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Regional Economic Advancement Partnership was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Chairman Wil Chase.

Roll Called with the following Board Members present:

Rod Bockenfeld	Wil Chase	Patty Doyle	Gary Duke
Sue Horn	Ivy Fischer	Gary May	Paul Rosenberg
Scott Tempel	Tom Turrell	Bob Yaich	

The following Board Members were absent

Mike LeClair	Frank Linnebur	Jim Lunsway	Stuart McArthur
Brett Ridgway			

Guests attending were:

Charles Bayley	Town of Bennett
Douglas Claussen	I-70 Publishing Company
Richard Coleman	Bennett School District
Veronica Earl	Byers High School FFA
Mike Ermisch	Ermisch Associates
Frank Fields	Deer Trail Mayor
Mark Harding	Rangeview Water
Kirk D. Holwell	Colorado First National Bank
Terrye Hoffman	Prairie Skies Tech Services
Don Hulse	Commanche Crossing Business Park
Jack Keever	REAP
Luanne Lown	REAP & I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce
Will Luna	Byers High School
Lou Otto	Byers Development Council
Eve Pugh	Byers School
Dolores Tippett	Byers Community Association
Mabel A. Vest	Vest Ranch
William F. Vest	Vest Ranch
Steven Vetter	I-70 Publishing Company
Chuck Weiss	Huitt Zollers (Bennett Engineer)
Lindsay Wheaton	Town of Bennett
Greg Wright	Edward D Jones
Keith Yaich	Bennett School District

A quorum was present.

Minutes Approved

The Minutes of the March 12, 2009 Board Meeting were approved by voice vote.

Board Additions

Wil Chase welcomed Frank Fields to the meeting and encouraged him to send representation and hoped to hear from him for the May meeting with updates on what was happening in Deer Trail. Julio Iturreria brought new updated maps to share which showed where gas lines and other local business locations are.

Guest Speaker – FFA presentation

Tom Turrell introduced Will Luna and Eve Pugh from Byers High School. Will then introduced one of his students, Roni Earl, who has recently won a FFA competition. Roni said the FFA creed for all. She will be attending a State competition in June and wanted to practice on the membership.

Guest Speaker –Matt Reay & Sue Horn, Town of Bennett

Matt Reay and Sue Horn shared slides showing some of the upcoming development and recent growth that has happened in Bennett. They shared artist renditions of the new library and further expansion of the Parks and Rec building as well as results of studies concerning a new crossing for the railroad. Water upgrades and options were highlighted as well. They shared the Parks, Trails and Open space study and progress and a little about the Enterprise Zone in Adams County portions of Bennett.

Guest Speaker –Scott Tempel and Jan Yeckes, Strasburg Survey

Jan Yeckes shared the comments from the Strasburg area survey. She shared that the majority of the people do commute to their jobs, but would like to find more local employment. The survey results are available online at the County website. Scott Tempel shared that the Adams County Commissioners are very interested in the area and the need for jobs and rate of growth.

Other Business:

REAP is in the process of setting up a website. A meeting will be held with Terrye Hoffman of Prairie Skies Technical to do this.

Announcements

Gary Duke invited everyone to attend the SBDC seminar on April 28, 2009.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.