

Draft MINUTES
REAP BOARD MEETING

May 12, 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 12:07 p.m. by Chairman Wil Chase, who welcomed the attendees and called for introductions.

The following Board Members were present:

Rod Bockenfeld	Wil Chase	Doug Claussen	Gary Duke
Kirk Holwell	Sue Horn	Mike LeClair	Frank Linnebur
Gary May	Terry NeSmith	Matt Reay	Paul Rosenberg

The following Board Members were absent:

Chad Argentar	Chris Deverell	Frank Doyle	Frank Fields
Al Holcomb	Ken Lawson	Alice Nichol	Glenn Rotkovich
Ivy Fischer	Tom Turrell	Bob Yaich	

Guests attending were:

Cindy	Acree	State Representative
Charles	Bayley	Town of Bennett
Lois	Buckman	REAP/I-70 CCOC
Mark	Harding	Pure Cycle Corp.
Tom	Henley	Xcel Energy
Don	Hulse	Comanche Crossing Metro District
Julio	Iturreria	Arapahoe County
Jack	Keever	REAP
Melissa	Kendrick	Kendrick Consulting
Ronny	Marshall	AmericaHomeKey, Inc.
Connie	Moos	Guaranty Bank & Trust
Stacey	Nerger	Adams County
John	Small	Darco
Delores	Tippett	Tippett & Woodis Farms
Steven	Vetter	I-70 Scout
Jeff	Vogel	Vogel & Associates
Bill	Wiggins	Unique Properties
Jan	Yeckes	Arapahoe County
Darlene	Scott	State of Colorado OEDIT
Nancy	Sharpe	Arapahoe County Commissioner
Barry	Gore	Adams County Economic Dev.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Charles Bayley and seconded by Sue Horn to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2011 meeting. The motion passed.

Executive Director:

Jack Keever spoke about REAP's involvement with the Bottom Up process and thanked Matt Reay for submitting a draft of REAP's plan. Jack introduced today's speakers as key people involved in the governor's Bottom Up process at the County and State levels.

Guest Speakers:

Nancy Sharpe, Arapahoe County Commissioner, addressed Arapahoe County's role in the Governor's Bottom Up Economic Development planning process. Because Arapahoe County does not have an economic development office, they relied heavily on the economic development organizations within the county such as REAP to bring forward their ideas for Arapahoe's plans. It was important to understand what is important to the economic community so that going forward with the state, they can look for those common threads that the county can support.

Barry Gore, President/CEO of Adams County Economic Development stressed that in order to grow our state's economy, we need to be bringing money in from out of state. Adams County worked with their nine cities and municipalities to come up with their plan. As diverse as the needs of the county are, they found that clearing up red tape at the municipal and federal level would be very beneficial to all. Business retention, workforce development and developing infrastructure to attract new business are keys to their plan.

Darlene Scott, Eastern Colorado Business development Representative and Colorado Assessment Program Director for the State of Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) provided an overview and current status of the Bottom Up process. After providing the opportunity for each county in the state to give input, the state received 64 plans. These 64 plans were then divided into 14 regional groups who after additional discussion submitted their 14 statements to the state. The state will post these statements in advance of the next step in the process which will include working with state partners such as CSU and DOLA to combine this information into a state blueprint focusing on the top 5 economic development goals and strategies. Ideally the final blueprint will be approved by June 30th 2011, in order to roll it out in the new fiscal year. Darlene was pleased with the momentum shown across the state to work together to come up with the best way to promote the state. She thanked everyone for their participation in the process.

Other Business:

Jack asked attendees to refer to the revised schedule of REAP meetings that will take us through the remainder of the year. Some of the topics and locations have changed. The next meeting is on June 9th and will take place at May Farms. Tri-County health will provide information about their land use planning and provide an overview of the service they provide. On July 14th, the meeting will take place at the Bennett Community Center and will feature representatives from the oil and gas companies who are active in this area.

Announcements:

Representative Cindy Acree invited everyone to attend this year's water summit on June 15th. The keynote speaker is Governor Hickenlooper, who will address the state's water issues. Cindy asked for feedback about the I-70 Corridor water issues so that those concerns could be addressed along with those affecting the state's regions. Cindy also spoke about the legislative session that just ended and gave an update on the legislation regarding conservation easements which have affected many property owners along the corridor and in Arapahoe County.

Commissioner Bockenfeld announced that this year marks the 150th anniversary of Arapahoe County.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.