

MINUTES
REAP BOARD MEETING

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July 8, 2010

11:45

May Farms, Byers, Colorado

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Regional Economic Advancement Partnership was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Chairman Wil Chase.

The following Board Members were Present:

Wil Chase	Doug Claussen	Gary Duke	Al Holcomb
Gary May	Paul Rosenberg		

The following Board Members were absent:

Chad Argentar	Rod Bockenfeld	Glenn Conser	Patty Doyle
Frank Fields	Ivy Fischer	Dennis Heap	Kirk Holwell
Sue Horn	John Knight	Mike LeClair	Frank Linnebur
Stuart McArthur	Alice Nichol	Matt Reay	Jerry Rohlfs
Tom Turrell	Bob Yaich		

Guests attending were:

Charles	Bayley	Town of Bennett
Mark	Beede	Byers Community Association
Lois	Buckman	REAP/I-70 CCOC
April	Dahlager	USDA Rural Development
Frank	Doyle	High Five Plains Foundation
Terry	Hoffman	Prairie Skies Technical Services
Don	Hulse	Alpha Homes
Julio	Iturreria	Arapahoe County
Jack	Keever	REAP
Melissa	Kendrick	Town of Bennett
Grider	Lee	Town of Bennett
Jeff	Marck	Vogel and Associates
Veronica	Marshall	AmericaHomeKey, Inc.
Martin	Metsker	Nolte
Doug	Milliken	Arapahoe County Treasurer
Connie	Moos	Guaranty Bank
Stacey	Nerger	Adams County
Terry	Nesmith	City Wide Bank
Larry	Pace	Adams County Commissioner
Kathay	Rennels	CSU Economic Development
Glenn	Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Aaron	Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Bob	Sakata	Sakata Farms
Calvin	Schultz	Country Gardens RV & Motor Home Park

Stephen	Sellenriek	THK Associates
John	Small	Town of Bennett
Kristin	Sullivan	Adams County
Delores	Tippet	Byers Community Association
Ed	Vandertook	Strasburg 31J School District
Steven	Vetter	I-70 Scout
Jan	Yeckes	Arapahoe County

There were 35 people in attendance.

A quorum was present.

Chairman Wil Chase called for introductions.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the June 10, 2010 Board Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion was made by Gary Duke and seconded by Al Holcomb to approve the minutes as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Guest Speakers:

Kathay Rennels, Director of Economic Development at Colorado State University, spoke about their efforts to get the word out about agriculture and economics and their efforts to keep young people interested in agriculture and continuing to stay on the farm. CSU lends their expertise and support to programs and agencies that are in the same arena such as; 4H, Entrepreneurship Training for Rural America, youth development, and the Colorado department of Labor and Employment. Kathay pointed out that we are all connectors and CSU is an extension of the community. Through public requests and industry panels, CSU will provide the information that you want to know and keep you informed about what is coming to your region and what you can do to be ready.

April Dahlager, the Director for the Business and Cooperative Division of USDA Rural Development addressed the types of programs that the USDA offers in support of rural economic growth and development. The rural development program is focused on building communities in Colorado from the ground up. The USDA provides assistance such as loan programs, special incentives and technical expertise in the areas of community facilities, business development, and housing. Over \$400 million was invested in Colorado last year and that amount has already been exceeded so far this year.

REAP Chairman's Report

Chairman Wil Chase announced that Julio Iturreria with Arapahoe County had brought revised maps for anyone who wanted them.

Other Business:

Jack Kever announced that there would not be a REAP meeting in August. He announced that the September 9th meeting would feature Sandra Steiner, Executive Director of the Education Consortium in the Adams County office of Economic Development, who will address issues regarding the development of our future work force.

Having grown up on a farm in North Dakota, Commissioner Larry Pace voiced his understanding of the needs in rural areas and offered assistance and support from his office toward working with CSU and the USDA.

Bob Sakata thanked REAP for inviting him to attend the meeting. He spoke about the importance of agriculture and commended Gary May and May Farms for having the courage to do what they are doing and offered his support of their efforts.

Announcements

Glenn Rotkovich of Lead Valley Range reminded everyone about their Open House on July 15th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.. Refreshments will be served, and the range will be open for shooting. He will have certified instructors available to assist those who have not shot a gun before. Lead Valley Range will also be hosting a Rifle Poker shoot on July 18th starting at 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.