

MINUTES
REAP BOARD of Directors Meeting

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August 11, 2011

11:30 a.m.

Willow Tree Inn, Bennett, Colorado

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

The following Board Members were Present:

Charles Bayley (alt.)	Wil Chase	Doug Claussen
Patty Doyle	Gary Duke	Ivy Fischer
Ken Lawson	Kirk Holwell	Sue Horn
Mike LeClair	Jan Yeckes (alt.)	Gary May
Theresa NeSmith	Stacey Nerger (alt.)	Chris Deverell
Matt Reay	Paul Rosenberg	Glenn Rotkovich

The following Board Members were absent:

Chad Argentar	Rod Bockenfeld	Glenn Conser	Tom Turrell
Frank Fields	Al Holcomb	Bob Yaich	Frank Linnebur
Alice Nichol			

Guests attending were:

Julio	Iturreria	Arapahoe County
Mark	Harding	Pure Cycle Corp.
Jack	Keever	REAP
Lois	Buckman	REAP

A quorum was present.

Chairman Wil Chase welcomed everyone and called for introductions, opening the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Wil asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Having none brought forward, he turned the meeting over to Executive Director, Jack Keever.

Jack presented the 2011 meeting schedule which included the meeting topics and speakers to date in 2011, along with future topics and speakers for the remainder of the year. Jack asked those attending to feel free to offer suggestions for future meeting topics.

Jack continued with a review and discussion of the status of the 2011 REAP initiatives to date. Jack thanked Julio Iturreria and Jan Yeckes for the continued series of maps along with making them available on the REAP website. The I-70 Corridor submitted a local plan for the Governor's "Bottom Up" initiative. The EPS Economic Assessment was completed.

The Board discussed the EPS Study Recommendations. Julio presented Arapahoe County's approach with planning efforts by providing maps that identify planning priorities by tiered areas for growth and development. Julio stated that Planning efforts in Arapahoe County would take into consideration the quality of health, safety and welfare of it's residents. Stacey Neger responded favorably to the Arapahoe County Planning approach and agreed to continue their efforts to work with Arapahoe County offering that they could see an Adams County Tier incorporated into the Arapahoe County Maps. Stuart McCarthur has already began incorporating suggestions made through the EPS Study in their planning process, and saw no conflict with the new corridor tiered planning maps. All agreed that water was the most important area to address.

Board Discussion and Next Steps:

An open discussion ensued on what the involvement of REAP should be in future economic development processes along the corridor. All agreed that REAP's role should continue to remain as a conduit between those proposing economic development along the corridor and the governmental agencies involved in the process. In regard to the implementation of the recommendations made by EPS, the maps and data that have been developed consist of data to be used towards a corridor wide comp plan. In the immediate future, REAP will encourage the counties to continue providing resources in the effort to create and implement a comprehensive economic development and growth plan for the I-70 Corridor. It was recommended that a letter from REAP be sent to both counties asking for continued work toward completing a corridor comprehensive plan. A timeline for the creation and implementation of any plan would need to be formulated.

Julio proposed REAP give a presentation to each of the Boards of Commissioners and possibly State officials regarding REAP's role and efforts in the I-70 Corridor.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.