



Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

NWCCOG Council & EDD Board Meeting

January 23, 2020

Colorado Mountain College Vail Valley, Room #249
150 Miller Ranch Rd., Edwards, CO

Council & EDD Board Members Present:

Alyssa Shenk, Town of Snowmass Village
Andy Miller, Town of Fraser
Carolyn Skowyra, Town of Dillon
Chris Romer, Vail Valley Partnership
Corry Mihm, Summit Chamber
DiAnn Butler, Grand County EDD
Erin McCuskey, Small Business Development Center
George Brodin, Town of Minturn
Heather Sloop, City of Steamboat Springs
Jeanne McQueeney, Eagle County
Jenn Ooton, City of Glenwood Springs
Jo McQueary, Town of Walden (phone)
John Bristol, Steamboat Springs Chamber (phone)
Karn Stiegelmeier, Summit County
Mark Hoblitzell, Workforce Center
Melanie Leaverton, Jackson County Tourism (phone)
Patti Clapper, Pitkin County
Patty McKenny, Town of Vail
Shane Larson, Colorado Mountain College
William Infante, Town of Basalt

Others Present:

Mary Kenyon, Impact Marketing
Matthew Kireker, Senator Bennet's Office

NWCCOG Staff:

Anita Cameron
Becky Walter
Elaina West
Jon Stavney
Rachel Lunney

Call to Order:

Karn Stiegelmeier, NWCCOG Council Chair at 10:30am. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the groups.

Approval of December 2019 Council & EDD Board Meeting Minutes

M/S: Patti Clapper/Heather Sloop to approve the December 2019 Council & EDD Board Meeting Minutes with revisions.

Passed: Yes

Approval of 2019 Preliminary End of the Year Financials

Postponed to March meeting.

Election of Executive Committee Municipal Members and Officers for 2020

For clarification, the Executive Committee consists of nine members; one member from each of the Region XII counties and four municipal members at large. The current members are as follows: Karn Stiegelmeier, Patti Clapper, Jeanne McQueeney, Kristen Manguso, and a vacancy for Jackson County (Region XII County Members); Alyssa Shenk, Carolyn Skowyra, Patty McKenny, and Andy Miller. Existing members have agreed to continue. We will wait to hear from Jackson County regarding their member.

M/S: Patti Clapper/Karn Stiegelmeier to approve existing Executive Committee and reach out to Jackson County for their representatives.

Passed: Yes

The current NWCCOG Officers are as follows: Karn Stiegelmeier serves as Chair, Patti Clapper as Vice-Chair, and Carolyn Skowyra as Secretary/Treasurer. All three individuals offered to serve another year.

M/S: Heather Sloop/Patty McKenny to approve existing officers.

Passed: Yes

Designate County Health Pool (CHP) Rep for 2020

Carolyn Skowyra offered to serve as the County Health Pool Representation for another year with Jon Stavney, NWCCOG Executive Director, as alternate.

M/S: Heather Sloop/Patty McKenny to approve Carolyn Skowyra as the 2020 NWCCOG County Health Pool Representative with Jon Stavney as the alternate.

Passed: Yes

Note: EDD Does Not Need to Reelect Board Members in 2020

Per the EDD Bylaws, EDD Officers are elected to serve 2-year terms. The EDD Board elected officers at the January 2019 Council & EDD Board Meeting. Therefore, the EDD Board does not need to elect new members. Current members are as follows: EDD Chair- Diane Butler; EDD Vice-Chair- Patti Clapper; EDD Secretary/Treasurer- Carolyn Skowyra

PRESENTATION: AAAA/NWCCOG Older Adults Housing Needs Regional Study, Mary Kenyon, President of Impact Marketing

Presentation is on website: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>. Elaina took notes on ideas from the presentation and gave to Jon.

Program Updates:

The third Annual Economic Development Summit will be on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at the Silverthorne Pavilion.

Legislation Updates:

Senator Bennet's Office, Matthew Kirker – Bennet's office introduced the Match Act (making access to clean up happen), to help protect life and property following flooding. The Farm Bill passed in 2018, and now they are working on implementation and rulemaking of the program. They hope to see progress on the CORE Act. They are working on a Broadband Bill relating to accounting, transparency, maps. Matt does not have any update regarding the Ski Area Fee Retention Bill for 2020.

Member Updates:

Town of Dillon, Carolyn Skowyra – Dillon hired a new town manager to start March 9, 2020. Meeting with County Commissioners to discuss County Road 51 project which deals with the Farm Bill and USFS land for housing.

Town of Basalt, William Infante – Basalt's New Master Plan calls for more than double the amount of current housing units. Proposal for Pan & Fork parcel was approved with solution for "heavy" art elements. Regionalism group moving forward with framework for full spectrum affordable (workforce housing, elderly housing, etc.). The group is in the process of defining regional.

City of Glenwood Springs, Jenn Ooton – Glenwood Springs is working on next step of outreach for census. Expanding broadband in 2020. Bridge Project is almost complete.

City of Steamboat Springs, Heather Sloop – Steamboat is trying to formulate a regional transportation authority from Craig to Steamboat maybe further. They are considering a Lift Tax to offset transit issues. Bag Ban passed and is working. The Bustang is a success with 32% ridership at \$20 a ride. Bustang is currently in the process of expanding routes. Steamboat is working on a Bear Ordinance. They decide not to consider a marijuana consumption lounge. Steamboat approved new affordable housing complex.

Town of Fraser, Andy Miller – Fraser is working on a program similar to Vail's Indeed program. Sketch plan for 1,200-unit project next to town was approved. Bag fee has cut plastics bags by over 70%.

Eagle County, Jeanne McQueeney – Eagle hosted a climate action event last night. Two main takeaways: stop doing what's viable and start doing what's necessary. Eagled teamed up with the Vail Valley Partnership and the High County Human Resources to look at the impact of childcare on the workforce. Over the course of 2020, Eagle will do a community-wide visioning activity.

Town of Snowmass Village, Alyssa Shenk – New space is open in the center of Base Village that has a game lounge downstairs and a restaurant and bar upstairs. The town is working on new Transit Center and Snowmass Center. They are also working on new employee housing project consisting of single-family homes and townhouses. Snowmass passed Tobacco 21 and a flavor ban.

Small Business Development Center, Erin McCuskey – The SBDC is opening satellite locations in Basalt and Hayden offering free business consulting. They plan to do Latino Outreach for business owners. The SBDC is planning a disaster preparedness training with DOLA and NWCCOG EDD in Basalt for business owners.

Vail Valley Partnership, Chris Romer – In partnership with the Workforce Center, they have a Skillfull event coming soon on skills-based hiring. The VVP launched an umbrella workforce brand for Eagle County called Vail Valley Works.

Workforce Center, Mark Hoblitzell – Hoping to expand the Skillful Training across the region.

Pitkin County, Patti Clapper – X Games started today in Aspen. There will be an Incident Station at X Games to be used for incident training.

Grand County EDD, DiAnn Butler – The county government just joined Summit County in the Peak Health Alliance program. In partnership with the Headwaters Trial Alliance, they plan to do an outdoor and economic relationship study. Included will be a visitor study using cell phone geolocation to see how they travel throughout the county. They are working on pre-development of the Space to Create program in Grand Lake.

Summit County, Karn Stiegelmeier – Summit started 2020 with a nicotine tax and age 21 requirement. Summit has the Indeed program but calls it Housing Helps. They hope to ban plastic bags. The county is moving forward with condemning out a conservation easement in order to use the space for a senior and workforce housing near the senior community center.

Town of Minturn, George Brodin – A railroad parcel is under contract with a proposal of potentially 118 units added to the 450 structures in town. There is talk to de-annex a piece of this property, which would be the second occurrence in Colorado state history. An event consisting of Barstool Racing is coming to the town soon.

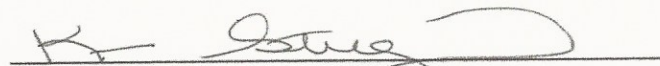
Colorado Mountain College, Shane Larson – Salida joined CMC's district, so they are working on establishing programs, a location, and staff. CMC continues to explore expansion of their Aspen Campus. Last spring legislation passed that does not limit CMC to only providing Bachelor's Degrees.

Summit Chamber, Corry Mihm – The Chamber's new Director started. They are working on the Business Excellence Awards coming up on April 9.

Adjournment:

M/S: Heather Sloop/Alyssa Shenk adjourned the NWCCOG Council meeting at 1:55pm.

Passed: Yes


Karn Stiegelmeier, NWCCOG Council Chair

8.21.2020
Date


DiAnn Butler, EDD Chair

8-24-2020
Date