



Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

Economic Development District (EDD) Board Meeting

March 25, 2021

Conference Call Only ("Present" means on the call")

Council & EDD Board Members Present:

Alyssa Shenk, Town of Snowmass Village
Chris Romer, Vail Valley Partnership
Coby Corkle, Jackson County
Corry Mihm, Summit Prosperity Initiative
DiAnn Butler, Grand County EDD
Jessica Valand, CDLE
John Bristol, Steamboat Springs Chamber
Josh Blanchard, Summit County
Mark Hoblitzell, CDLE
Melanie Leaverton, Jackson County Tourism

Others Present:

Erin McCuskey, SBDC
Gusty Kanakis, Town of Gypsum
Jamie Hackbarth, EDA
Watkins Fulk-Gray, Town of Basalt
Carolyn Tucker, CDLE
Christina Oxley, CDLE
Trent Thompson, EDA
Whitney Milek, North Park Chamber of Commerce

NWCCOG Staff:

Elaina West
Jeff Andrews
Jon Stavney
Nate Walowitz
Rachel Lunney

Call to Order:

DiAnn Butler, EDD Chair, called the Economic Development District (EDD) Board meeting to order at 12:31pm. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the group.

EDA Denver Regional Office - Trent Thompson, Economic Development Representative; Jamie Hackbarth, Deputy Economic Development Representative

Trent and Jamie's presentation is available on our website: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>.

CEDS 5-Year Update

Rachel's SWOT presentation is available on our website: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>. The CEDS is due to the EDA on October 1, 2021. The EDD Board needs to approve the final CEDS by the July 8th meeting. It will then be posted around July 19th and be open for public comment for 30 days. Rachel asked the board to send her any feedback by the end of May 2021. The group decided that a survey is unnecessary and to instead talk one on one with stakeholders. Chris Romer offered to be the Eagle County stakeholder; Corry Mihm offered to be the Summit County Stakeholder; DiAnn Butler offered to be Grand County's stakeholder; Melanie offered to be the stakeholder for Jackson County; and the group recommended Patti Clapper as Pitkin County's stakeholder. Jeff Andrews will reach out to see if Patti is interested in the commitment. Jeff will follow up with the board and stakeholders.

The group offered a few suggestions on the call: immigration (permanent guest worker program, work visas), water resources as a weakness, increased air service and leveraging distribution and fulfillment opportunities (Pitkin, Eagle, and Hayden), pandemics generally (relation to climate change as these events may become more common when environmental conditions shift, along with travel impacts/demand/occupancy management), and with growth may lead to increase low-wage service sector employment (the more we can attract and diversify- the more demand it creates for bars/coffee shops/restaurants/breweries, etc.).

Workforce Update, Jessica Valand, Regional Director, Northwest & Rural Resort Workforce Regions, CDLE

Jessica's Workforce Update can be found on the NWCCOG website here: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>.

ECE Report Next Steps

Jon shared report from packet as a potentially valuable resource for the board: <http://nwccog.org/about/meetings/>.

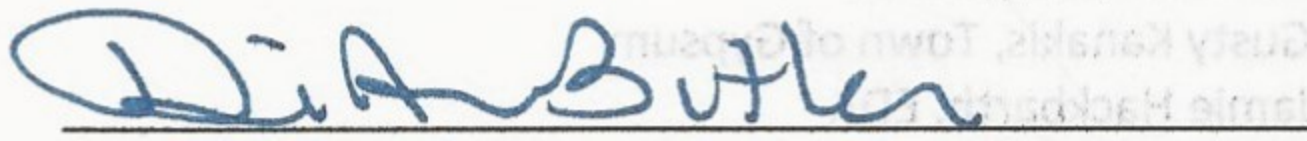
New Business:

The Routt County transition could take longer than originally anticipated. The decision to move forward has not yet been made.

Adjournment:

M/S: Alyssa Shenk/Chris Romer adjourned the EDD meeting at 2:10 pm.

Passed: Yes



DiAnn Butler, EDD Chair

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- Other Present:**
- Edna McCuskey, SBOC
 - Gusty Kanakis, Town of Grand
 - Jamie Hachbar, Deputy
 - Watkins Fulk Gray, Town of Grand
 - Carolyn Tucker, COLE
 - Christina Okey, COLE
 - Trent Thompson, EDA
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 - Chris Romer, Vail Valley Partners
 - Copy Corliss, Jackson County
 - Cory Mimm, Summit Prosperity Initiative
 - DiAnn Butler, Grand County EDD
 - Jessica Valand, COLE
 - John Bhatol, Steamboat Springs Chamber
 - Josh Blanchard, Summit County
 - Mark Hottel, COLE
 - Melanie Leaverton, Jackson County Tourism

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