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

Date: 7/1/21