
	NWCCOG Full Council, EDD Board, and NLF Board Meeting Agenda Thursday, August 7, 2025 Health and Human Services 135 6th Street - Community Room, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487 and Zoom Conference Call	
Video & Phone Conference Information Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4343110995?pwd=rbIHmpYikShSFje2tpMbd1ODIEZrep.1&omn=8447140 Meeting ID: 434 311 0995 Passcode: 119033		NEXT NWCCOG Council Meeting Thursday, September 18, 2025 Roaring Fork Area 9am - 12pm
NWCCOG Council Meeting		
9:00 AM	1. Call to Order - NWCCOG Council Chair 2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum 3. *ACTION: Minutes of June 5th 2025 Council Meeting* Pgs. 3-4 4. *ACTION: Schedule of Bills Paid Website Second Quarter NWCCOG Financials <i>"I move to approve the Q2 NWCCOG Financials as presented..."</i> NLF Portfolio Summary and Risk Reserve thru May 2025 5. ANNOUNCEMENT: Rachel Tuyn, Economic Development Director "Moving On" Jon Stavney, Executive Director - Next Steps 6. Presentation: Survey Results TBD Published Week of Meeting	
9:15 AM	7. *ACTION: 2026 Dues Proposal and Approval Pgs. 5-8 Dues Memo - HPP cut \$45,000 Indirect, Concerns about Vintage and Broadband <i>"I move to approve the results of the NWCCOG 2026 Dues as presented..."</i>	
9:45 AM	8. Presentation: Steamboat Health and Human Services Building Tour	
10:00 AM	9. Update: Executive Director Updates White Paper on Economic Development Program Options - TBD Published Week of Meeting Attempts to sell public land removed from Budget bill, stay tuned. Articles: Website Lawmakers Assassinated for Party affiliation (Colorado Sun) DOJ requests voter personal information on Colorado Voters (WaPo) Supreme Court Limits ADA Claims to Employees (Lexus Nexus, Bradley Arant Bout Cummings LLP) Proposed (Federal) Cuts in charts by agency (WaPo) Regular NWCCOG Business	

10. Congressional Update:	From any Representatives Present (Attachment Below)		
11:45 p.m.	11. Member Updates		
	12. Program Updates		
12:00pm	13. *ACTION	Adjourn NWCCOG Council Meeting	Pgs. 9-10
NWCCOG Council Chair		NWCCOG Officers	
NWCCOG Council Vice-Chair		NWCCOG Council Secretary/Treasurer	
Alyssa Shenk		Nina Waters	
Patti Clapper			
NWCCOG Executive Committee			
Region XII County Members		Nina Waters, **Patti Clapper, Tim Redmond, Jeanne McQueeney, Randal George, Coby Corkle	
Municipal Members		Alyssa Shenk* Geoff Grimmer Kristen Brownson Nina Waters	
		NWCCOG EDD Board Meeting Agenda	
		Thursday, August 7, 2025	
		Health and Human Services 135 6th Street - Community Room, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487	
Video & Phone Conference Information		Next COG EDD Meeting	
Join Zoom Meeting:		Thursday, September 18, 2025	
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4343110995?pwd=rbIHmpYikShSFje2tpMbd1ODlEZrep.1&omn=84471408		Location: Roaring Fork Area	
Meeting ID:		12:30pm - 2:30pm	
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NWCCOG Economic Development District (EDD) Board Meeting			
12:30pm	1. Call to Order - EDD Board Chair, DiAnn Butler		
	2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum		
	3. *ACTION:	Minutes of June 2025 EDD Meeting	Pgs. 11-14
	4. Discussion:	EDD Director Program Update	
1:00 p.m.	5. Presentation:	Nicholas Sly, VP, Economist, and Denver Branch Executive Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City	
		Nick will speak on national and regional economic trends, monetary policy, economic risks, insights on employment, housing, inflation, GDP, and other emerging economic conditions.	
	6. Discussion:	White Paper on EDD possible Next Steps, Jon Stavney	
	7. Discussion:	Roundtable discussion of Economic Development News from Members	
	8. Discussion:	New Business	
2:30pm	9. * ACTION	Adjourn NWCCOG EDD Meeting	
NWCCOG EDD Chair		NWCCOG EDD Officers	
NWCCOG EDD Vice-Chair		NWCCOG EDD Secretary	
DiAnn Butler			
Patti Clapper			



Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

NWCCOG Council Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2025

Executive Board Members

Alyssa Shenk – Town of Snowmass
Patti Clapper – Pitkin County
Nina Waters – Summit County

NWCCOG Staff:

Jon Stavney
Becky Walter
Greg Ociepka
Moir Vander Meer
Rachel Tuyn – EDD
Nate Walaowitz – Project THOR
Erin Fisher – Vintage

Others Present

Jeffrey Woodruff – Pitkin County
Jonah Glassman – Town of Silverthorne
Tim Redmond – Routt County
Sam Hellwege – Auditor
Kami Collins – Colorado Office of Economic Development
Christine Benedetti – City of Aspen
Jeremy Rietmann – Town of Gypsum
Rick Stevens – Town of Basalt
Gary Brooks – Town of Avon
Erin McCuskey – Eagle County
Diane McBride – Town of Frisco
Riley Scott – Office of Senator Hurd
Dan Sullivan – Town of Keystone
Hilary Henry – Senator Bennet Representative
Kris Mattera – Basalt Chamber of Commerce
Corry Mihm – Project Works
Jacob Zook – City of Glenwood Springs
Kristen Brownson – Town of Breckenridge
Tom Boyd – Eagle County
Dan Brown – President Partners

ACTION Call to Order NWCCOG Council Meeting

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair, called the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) meeting to order at 10:00 am. Quorum was confirmed with introductions of attendees.

ACTION Approval of March 2025 Council Minutes

M/S: Tom Boyd made a motion to approve the March 2025 NWCCOG Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeffrey Woodruff.

Passed: Yes

ACTION Approval of NWCCOG 401a Social Security Replacement Program being Mandatory 6% contribution

M/S: Tom Boyd made a motion to approve NWCCOG making the 401a Social Security Replacement Program a mandatory 6% contribution and match by NWCCOG. The motion was seconded by Jonah Glassman.

Passed: Yes

ACTION Approval of NWCCOG 2024 Audit

M/S: Sam Hellwege from Clifton Larson presented the finding of the NWCCOG 2024 audit. Patti Clapper made a motion to approve the 2024 Audit. The motion was seconded by Tom Boyd.

Passed: Yes

Presentation

Dan Brown from President Partners made a presentation on Brown Sites. Partners has been at the forefront of Brownfield programs since the early 1990s, authoring regulations, developing sophisticated risk assessment protocols and cost-effective remediation, and accessing public subsidies. Dan highlighted what Brown Sites are, how they can be remediated, and how the process works.

Presentation – Jonnah Glassman

Jonnah Glassman, the SHIP Medicare and Volunteer Coordinator representative from NWCCOG's Vintage Program, presented on 2025 Open Enrollment data, the background of Medicare and the current status of the Medicare Program. Included were updates on the Vintage Program Budget and current finds through OAA 6.3.25.

Update – NWCCOG Program Funding Status

The Vintage Program, along with AAA Programs at risk of funding cuts or delays were shared. The NWCCOG Energy and LEAP proposed funding cuts were discussed. Also mentioned was the Energy Program excellence during the State audit. The EDD Program was also mentioned in possible funding hardships that may occur.

ACTION – Request to NWCCOG Members to send letters to Congress supporting at risk programs

Jon Stavney, Executive Director of NWCCOG asked that Members send letters to Congressional Representatives outlining the importance of NWCCOG at risk programs and how they are integral to the communities NWCCOG serves. All members present agreed.

Passed: Yes

Update – Smart Cities Conference Overview – Nate Walowitz NWCCOG Broadband Director

Nate Walowitz presented on The Smart Cities conference in San Antonio. The conference was attended by numerous local government officials and industry experts. The conference highlighted several innovative projects across various categories, emphasizing the integration of technology to enhance urban living. Nate met with multiple vendors and drilled down into their example projects to understand how the NWCCOG region can begin to examine Smart Cities projects in NWCCOG communities.

ACTION – Approve Q1 Financials

Patti Clapper asked if reserves are available to support other programs with funding cuts. In the short-term, yes, NWCCOG has the reserves available, but in the long-term, an FTE with overtime would be challenging. A motion to approve the Q1 Financials was made by Patti Clapper. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Rietmann.

Passed: Yes

Update – Congressional Update from Riley Scott/Senator Hurd's office and Hilary Henry/Senator Bennet's Office

Riley Scott from Senator Hurd's Office shared the committees that Senator Hurd is on which support the Western Slope of Colorado. The GORP Act, introduced by Senator Michael Bennet, Senator John Hickenlooper, and Representative Jeff Hurd on May 15, 2025, was based on recommendations from the Gunnison Public Lands Initiative (GPLI) and grounded in an extensive multi-year community vetting process, groundbreaking public lands. Senator Hurd also spearheaded moving the BLM office back to Grand Junction and is petitioning to have funds unfrozen for the Shoshone Water Rights. Senator Hurd is also fighting to have Space Command stay in Colorado, protect Medicaid for Colorado citizens, and support Clean Energy Tax Credits.

Hilary Henry from Senator Bennet's office expressed how important it is for the Senator to hear from local communities, whether through informal communication or formal letters. Senator Bennet is working on having the funds reauthorized for Secure Rules Schools, as well as meeting with the new Postmaster General on proposed changes and showing more attention to service in rural areas. Senator Bennet is also working on the Fix Our Forests Act - a bipartisan bill aimed at improving forest health and wildfire resilience by expediting forest management projects, reducing frivolous lawsuits, and increasing the pace and scale of restoration efforts. It also focuses on supporting communities in fire-prone areas and enhancing fire prevention strategies.

ACTION – Adjournment of the NWCCOG Council Meeting

Jeremy Rietmann made the motion to adjourn the NWCCOG Council Meeting. Patti Clapper seconded the motion. The NWCCOG Council meeting was adjourned at 12:42pm.

Alyssa Shenk, NWCCOG Council Chair

Date



MEMORANDUM

To: NWCCOG Council
From: Jon Stavney, Executive Director and Becky Walter, Finance Director
Date: July 18, 2025
Re: ***NWCCOG Member Dues for 2026***

PROPOSAL: Overall, 3% increase in Dues.

Recent changes in federal and state fiscal priorities have introduced new uncertainty around the funding that has traditionally supported NWCCOG's long-standing programs and services. In response, we're working to strengthen and stabilize our non-grant funding streams for 2026, while continuing to adapt to the shifting landscape of public funding.

EXAMPLE of INSTABILITY: On Monday, July 14th, CDPHE called a same-day emergency meeting to share information they just received from the Federal Government. Though the NOA was issued (funds awarded) and the grant year was ready to be contracted, an order to immediately and fully Stop Work was issued. This is essentially a claw back by the state since the recent option letter for temporary funding backfilling cuts was issued. The Stop work came as all HPP recipients across the state awaited the July 1st contract to be finalized and approved by ASPR (under Federal HHS). Means. The \$251,00 grant from 2024-2025 was identified to increase to \$446,000 to address H1N1. Instead, overnight, that entire program appears to be on the chopping block from the recently passed federal budget. Importantly to NWCCOG, **Admin funds from the incoming grant were set to cover \$51,000 of admin and wages for the Finance Department.**

HOW DUES ARE ALLOCATED TO PROGRAMS:

	2025	2026 (estimated)	Comment
Vintage	\$75,000	\$110,000	To provide COLA/Merit
Broadband	\$80,000	\$95,000	For COLA/Merit
EDD	\$80,000	\$85,000	For COLA/Merit at current
Watershed	\$7,000	\$7,000	
Finance	\$0	\$15,000	To cover lost HPP revenues
TOTAL:	\$242,000	\$312,000	Total increase: \$70,000

STAFF WAGES:

- Completed Wage Adjustments based on Salary Survey results in 2024.
- Last year COLA + Merit total increase across all staff was 5%.
- Denver Boulder CPI (COLA) is currently at 2.2%.
- NWCCOG is beginning budget with the assumption of a 5% overall COLA/Merit pool in the 2026 budget.

UNCERTAINTY to OTHER PROGRAMS:

- Economic Development: The administration has proposed eliminating EDA entirely. The Program has not increased in funding for many years and the Director funding has been matched and also supplemented directly by Dues. An elimination of the program would free up Dues for other purposes, while a cut could just require a larger match from Dues.
- Broadband: The funding from DOLA is not assured and CBO does not yet have sufficient funding yet. The CBO recently laid off 4 high level staff to save money because rework of BEAD program was an unfunded mandate depleting their budget. Dues currently fund 38% of the position.
- Vintage: Navigated a possible 25% cut by the state only issuing 75% of their contract as a hedge anticipating federal cuts. Carryover funding from the State should cover the remainder of 2025 wages, but that program with cuts is not planning any wage increases currently without an increased supplement from NWCCOG Dues.
- Energy: Has been repeatedly reassured that full funding is guaranteed but is currently waiting on a contract for the fiscal year which started July 1st. WAP programs in other parts of the country, whose fiscal year starts on April 1st, have just recently started to receive their funding. There is also potential for cuts or elimination to the LEAP and DOE Formula funding streams, but the State has advised that it can be backfilled by other funding sources. Energy program has options if some funding streams are cut.

IMPACT OF CUTS:

- HPP Grant (Northwest Health Care Coalition) – may be eliminated entirely
- Vintage, Medicare funding Uncertainty looms over the program
- In 2024, half of NWCCOG revenues came from grants - **State 29%, Federal 19%.**
- **Federal grants directly pay half or more of the wages for: Economic Development Director, Health Care Coalition, Regional Grants Navigator, and the Mobility Director.**
- Programs paid through the state with predominantly Federally originating funds include, Northwest Loan Fund (CDBG), Vintage (Various), and Energy.
- DOLA mineral impact funds are greatly reduced and being shifted to Just Transition communities, reducing availability of funds for NWCCOG and Members.
- In 2024 the Audited Financial Statements, **Dues made up 4.6% of total revenue.**

NWCCOG Membership - Changes in Population and Valuation

Population Increase/Decrease from Prior Year

Based on draft population estimates, Department of Local Affairs, Demography Section

Dues Year:	2024	2025	2026
EAGLE COUNTY	-0.7%	-1.6%	-0.4%
GRAND COUNTY	-0.6%	1.4%	1.4%
PITKIN COUNTY	-2.7%	-1.3%	-0.3%
ROUTT COUNTY	-0.3%	0.1%	0.0%
SUMMIT COUNTY	-1.2%	-0.5%	0.0%
BASALT (EAGLE & PITKIN)	1.0%	0.0%	-2.0%
AVON/AVON METRO	-1.9%	2.5%	1.5%
EAGLE	-1.9%	-0.5%	0.5%
GYP SUM	4.4%	0.2%	-0.2%
MINTURN	-1.9%	-3.2%	-1.5%
RED CLIFF	-0.8%	-0.8%	-1.2%
VAIL	-2.0%	-2.6%	-1.3%
FRASER	2.7%	3.9%	-7.1%
GRANBY	3.4%	5.1%	-9.8%
GRAND LAKE	-3.6%	-0.3%	2.5%
HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS	-2.4%	-1.0%	1.8%
KREMMLING	-3.6%	-1.4%	3.4%
WINTER PARK	4.0%	12.4%	-11.3%
WALDEN	-2.9%	-0.7%	-3.3%
ASPEN	-3.3%	-1.8%	-0.4%
SNOWMASS VILLAGE	-3.4%	0.2%	-0.5%
HAYDEN	-0.4%	0.0%	4.8%
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS	-0.7%	-0.1%	1.5%
BLUE RIVER	-1.7%	-1.5%	2.2%
BRECKENRIDGE	-1.4%	0.5%	2.3%
DILLON	-2.4%	-1.5%	3.0%
FRISCO	-2.2%	-2.0%	1.8%
KEystone	--	100.0%	67.7%
MONTEZUMA	-4.1%	-1.4%	2.9%
SILVERTHORNE	2.8%	4.8%	8.9%
GLENWOOD SPRINGS	0.1%	0.6%	0.8%
AVERAGE	-0.9%	3.5%	2.2%
AVERAGE W/O KEYSTONE	-0.9%	0.3%	0.0%

Valuation Increase/Decrease from Prior Year

*Based on Certification of Levies & Revenues Annual Reports, Division of Property
Taxation, State of Colorado*

Dues Year:	2024	2025	2026
EAGLE COUNTY	2.5%	42.3%	0.6%
GRAND COUNTY	16.7%	49.9%	2.7%
PITKIN COUNTY	7.9%	54.3%	-0.2%
ROUTT COUNTY	10.1%	52.3%	1.0%
SUMMIT COUNTY	8.2%	40.6%	0.4%
BASALT (EAGLE & PITKIN)	15.9%	43.1%	0.1%
AVON/AVON METRO	3.1%	38.7%	3.6%
EAGLE	7.7%	44.6%	1.6%
GYP SUM	20.9%	42.8%	2.6%
MINTURN	3.9%	45.5%	2.3%
RED CLIFF	13.2%	31.5%	1.9%
VAIL	-2.6%	34.9%	-0.5%
FRASER	27.4%	52.7%	4.6%
GRANBY	23.3%	53.6%	3.6%
GRAND LAKE	18.9%	33.7%	1.0%
HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS	10.8%	30.8%	0.9%
KREMMLING	16.4%	28.3%	2.0%
WINTER PARK	25.1%	50.1%	6.3%
WALDEN	42.2%	-19.0%	14.2%
ASPEN	9.2%	47.2%	-0.9%
SNOWMASS VILLAGE	4.3%	68.5%	0.9%
HAYDEN	16.0%	33.9%	2.8%
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS	9.5%	57.8%	-0.5%
BLUE RIVER	5.2%	67.1%	-1.0%
BRECKENRIDGE	5.5%	36.6%	0.3%
DILLON	29.2%	31.4%	-0.3%
FRISCO	6.1%	37.9%	0.7%
KEystone	--	100.0%	228.0%
MONTEZUMA	7.2%	45.6%	-1.1%
SILVERTHORNE	19.8%	36.8%	0.9%
GLENWOOD SPRINGS	7.0%	26.6%	0.0%
AVERAGE	13.0%	43.2%	9.0%
AVERAGE W/O KEYSTONE	13.0%	41.3%	1.7%

NWCCOG 2026 REGIONAL BUSINESS DUES ANALYSIS

FORMULA :

POPULATION

ASSESSED VALUATION

Approved by NWCCOG Council on

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Sources:

2024 draft population estimates, Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Demography Section

Certification of Levies & Revenues as of 1/1/2025, Year 2024, 54st Annual Report, Division of Property Taxation, State of Colorado

Completed by Becky Walter, Finance Director 7/17/2025

Denver-Aurora-Lakewood CPI May 2024 - 2.2%

		POPULATION			ASSESSED VALUATION			PROPOSED DUES		2025 DUES PAID		DIFFERENCE 2025-2026		2025-2026 % CHANGE	
COUNTY															
	EAGLE COUNTY	54,196	37.7%	\$ 39,287	\$ 5,198,836,800	28.8%	\$ 54,588	\$ 93,874	\$ 91,889	\$ 1,985					2.1%
	GRAND COUNTY	16,202	11.3%	\$ 11,745	\$ 1,453,729,090	8.1%	\$ 15,264	\$ 27,009	\$ 25,936	\$ 1,073					4.0%
	PITKIN COUNTY	16,593	11.5%	\$ 12,028	\$ 5,684,821,370	31.5%	\$ 59,691	\$ 71,719	\$ 70,077	\$ 1,642					2.3%
	ROUTT COUNTY	25,064	17.4%	\$ 18,169	\$ 2,123,599,960	11.8%	\$ 22,298	\$ 40,467	\$ 39,499	\$ 968					2.4%
	SUMMIT COUNTY	30,441	21.2%	\$ 22,067	\$ 3,470,857,807	19.2%	\$ 36,444	\$ 58,511	\$ 57,175	\$ 1,336					2.3%
	JACKSON COUNTY	1,311	0.9%	\$ 950	\$ 99,974,962	0.6%	\$ 1,050	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,915	\$ 85					4.3%
	TOTAL COUNTY	143,807	100.0%	\$ 104,246	\$ 18,031,819,989	100.0%	\$ 189,334	\$ 293,580	\$ 286,491	\$ 7,089					2.4%
MUNICIPAL															
EAGLE	BASALT (EAGLE & PITKIN)	4,020	4.9%	\$ 2,914	\$ 316,654,960	2.8%	\$ 3,325	\$ 6,239	\$ 6,178	\$ 61					1.0%
	AVON/AVON METRO	6,127	7.5%	\$ 4,441	\$ 376,237,450	3.4%	\$ 3,950	\$ 8,392	\$ 8,053	\$ 339					4.0%
	EAGLE	7,364	9.0%	\$ 5,338	\$ 243,971,960	2.2%	\$ 2,562	\$ 7,900	\$ 7,725	\$ 175					2.2%
	GYPSUM	9,246	11.3%	\$ 6,702	\$ 275,245,960	2.5%	\$ 2,890	\$ 9,593	\$ 9,411	\$ 182					1.9%
	MINTURN	939	1.1%	\$ 681	\$ 47,191,800	0.4%	\$ 496	\$ 1,176	\$ 1,157	\$ 19					1.6%
	RED CLIFF	242	0.3%	\$ 175	\$ 7,923,850	0.1%	\$ 83	\$ 259	\$ 256	\$ 3					1.2%
	VAIL	4,414	5.4%	\$ 3,200	\$ 1,738,170,880	15.6%	\$ 18,251	\$ 21,451	\$ 21,036	\$ 415					1.9%
GRAND	FRASER	1,453	1.8%	\$ 1,053	\$ 121,972,080	1.1%	\$ 1,281	\$ 2,334	\$ 2,315	\$ 19					0.8%
	GRANBY	2,191	2.7%	\$ 1,588	\$ 129,480,420	1.2%	\$ 1,360	\$ 2,948	\$ 3,023	\$ (75)					-2.5%
	GRAND LAKE	409	0.5%	\$ 296	\$ 78,610,340	0.7%	\$ 825	\$ 1,122	\$ 1,081	\$ 41					3.7%
	HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS	689	0.8%	\$ 499	\$ 13,763,260	0.1%	\$ 145	\$ 644	\$ 627	\$ 17					2.6%
	KREMMLING	1,508	1.8%	\$ 1,093	\$ 26,378,240	0.2%	\$ 277	\$ 1,370	\$ 1,313	\$ 57					4.2%
	WINTER PARK	1,095	1.3%	\$ 794	\$ 280,816,130	2.5%	\$ 2,949	\$ 3,742	\$ 3,584	\$ 158					4.2%
JACKSON	WALDEN	553	0.7%	\$ 401	\$ 7,394,092	0.1%	\$ 78	\$ 479	\$ 478	\$ 1					0.2%
PITKIN	ASPEN	6,569	8.0%	\$ 4,762	\$ 2,930,335,720	26.3%	\$ 30,769	\$ 35,530	\$ 34,907	\$ 623					1.8%
	SNOWMASS VILLAGE	2,977	3.6%	\$ 2,158	\$ 856,276,380	7.7%	\$ 8,991	\$ 11,149	\$ 10,811	\$ 338					3.0%
ROUTT	HAYDEN	2,047	2.5%	\$ 1,484	\$ 42,177,210	0.4%	\$ 443	\$ 1,927	\$ 1,825	\$ 102					5.3%
	STEAMBOAT SPRINGS	13,464	16.4%	\$ 9,760	\$ 1,341,877,550	12.1%	\$ 14,090	\$ 23,850	\$ 23,305	\$ 545					2.3%
SUMMIT	BLUE RIVER	853	1.0%	\$ 618	\$ 91,200,272	0.8%	\$ 958	\$ 1,576	\$ 1,541	\$ 35					2.2%
	BRECKENRIDGE	5,067	6.2%	\$ 3,673	\$ 998,795,023	9.0%	\$ 10,487	\$ 14,160	\$ 13,720	\$ 440					3.1%
	DILLON	1,046	1.3%	\$ 758	\$ 146,557,394	1.3%	\$ 1,539	\$ 2,297	\$ 2,231	\$ 66					2.9%
	FRISCO	2,788	3.4%	\$ 2,021	\$ 357,809,300	3.2%	\$ 3,757	\$ 5,778	\$ 5,595	\$ 183					3.2%
	KEYSTONE	1,400	1.7%	\$ 1,015	\$ 302,134,600	2.7%	\$ 3,172	\$ 4,187	\$ 1,541	\$ 2,646					63.2%
	MONTEZUMA	71	0.1%	\$ 51	\$ 3,746,180	0.0%	\$ 39	\$ 91	\$ 88	\$ 3					3.3%
	SILVERTHORNE	5,447	6.6%	\$ 3,949	\$ 388,070,875	3.5%	\$ 4,075	\$ 8,023	\$ 7,526	\$ 497					6.2%
	TOTAL MUNICIPAL	81,979	100.0%	\$ 59,427	\$ 11,122,791,926	100.0%	\$ 116,789	\$ 176,217	\$ 169,327	\$ 6,890					3.9%
REGION XII SUBTOTAL		225,786		\$ 163,673	\$ 29,154,611,915		\$ 306,123	\$ 469,797	\$ 455,818	\$ 13,979					3.0%
	GLENWOOD SPRINGS	10,229		\$ 7,415	\$ 339,006,340		\$ 3,560	\$ 10,975	\$ 10,765	\$ 210					1.9%
OUTSIDE Region XII SUBTOTAL		10,229		\$ 7,415	\$ 339,006,340		\$ 3,560	\$ 10,975	\$ 10,765	\$ 210					1.9%
TOTAL DUES								\$ 480,772.00	\$ 466,583.00	\$ 14,189.00	3.0%				
Non-Current Members for Reference															
	CARBONDALE	6,527		\$ 4,731	\$ 243,718,670		\$ 2,559	\$ 7,290							
	LEADVILLE	2,628		\$ 1,905	\$ 62,160,960		\$ 653	\$ 2,558							
	OAK CREEK	841		\$ 610	\$ 14,131,820		\$ 148	\$ 758							
	YAMPA	391		\$ 283	\$ 6,187,480		\$ 65	\$ 348							
	SUBTOTAL	10,387		\$ 7,530	\$ 326,198,930		\$ 3,425	\$ 10,954							



PROGRAM UPDATES

To: NWCCOG Council
From: NWCCOG Staff
Date: August 2025
Re: Program Updates

The following are events of note occurring since the last NWCCOG Council meeting.

EDD Program Update – Rachel Tuyn, Director August 2025

Transition in EDD

Rachel Tuyn, EDD Director has announced her resignation. She will be staying on in a part-time capacity through at least November 15 and will be available after that if needed. Rachel has been working with Jon to develop a white paper with different scenarios for operating the EDD program if the EDD board and NWCCOG Council so chooses to reorganize the program. Rachel has had 1:1 interviews with several board members over the last month to get their input on the EDD program including what is most valuable, what is least valuable, and to solicit their input on ideas for potential changes to the program. This white paper on the future of the EDD will be discussed with the NWCCOG Council and EDD board at the August 7th meeting.

CEDS Update

The 5-year update to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is due to the EDA a little over a year from now (due 9/30/26). Planning will begin for the CEDS update beginning with allocating a bit of time at each EDD meeting for planning and discussion. Rachel has begun compiling the most recent plans in place for each EDD member jurisdiction related to economic development as well as any statewide or regional plans to be used as the foundation of the CEDS update.

Regional Economic Update

The July update was published on July 8 and presents the most recently-released jobs and wages data published by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) for Q4 2024 for the NWCCOG Region. Read the full report here: <https://www.nwccog.org/programs/nwccog-economic-development-district/data-center/>

Q4 2024 Regional Snapshot:

- Total Jobs: 100,193 / Yr. over Yr. Chg. - -0.1%; 10-Yr Chg.: +16.9%
- Total Establishments: 11,204 / Yr. over Yr. Chg.: -8.7%; 10-Yr Chg.: +14.2%
- Labor Force: 86,557 (May 2025); Yr. over Yr. chg.: +1,050 (+1.2%)
- Regional UE Rate (May 2025) 4.9% / Yr. over Yr. Chg.: +0.5%; Colorado: 4.5%; U.S.: 4.2%

Annual Wage: Eagle County: \$70,772 | Grand County: \$53,976 | Jackson County: \$54,184 | Pitkin County: \$90,376 | Routt County: \$62,296 | Summit County: \$60,296.

Elevator Inspection Program (EIP) – David Harris, Director

No new news for EIP.

Energy Program – Doug Jones, Director

Hiring and Hiring and Hiring and Training and Training. New EV Charger is being installed at the Silverthorne Location.

Northwest Loan Fund (NLF) – *Anita Cameron, Director*

The new CDBG Contract is fully executed.

The old contract must be 'closed out' with reporting and public hearing required. I am working on this as time allows.

One new loan was approved in June and three in July. Three of these loans have closed. Inquiries and applications continue.

NLF will participate again in the Colorado Start-Up Funding (second traunch). This includes money for Just Transition loans in Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt counties.



Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

NWCCOG EDD Meeting

Meeting Minutes: June 5, 2025

Location: NWCCOG Energy Office in Gypsum

Board Members Present:

Tom Boyd, Eagle County Commissioner
Patti Clapper, Pitkin County Commissioner
Jeffrey Woodruff, Pitkin County Commissioner
Tim Redmond, Routt County Commissioner
Jacob Zook, City of Glenwood Springs
Jonnah Glassman, Town of Silverthorne
Dan Sullivan, Town of Keystone
Lana Bryce, Town of Gypsum
Kristin Brownson, Town of Breckenridge
Corry Mihm, Summit Chamber of Commerce
Erin McCuskey, SBDC

Guests:

Jeff Ingell, Western Region Specialist, CSU Office of Engagement and Extension
Riley Scott - Senator Hurd's office

NWCCOG Staff

Jon Stavney, NWCCOG
Becky Walter, NWCCOG
Moirra Vander-Meer, NWCCOG
Rachel Tuyn, NWCCOG

Call to Order

Patti Clapper, NWCCOG EDD Board Vice-Chair, called the NWCCOG Economic Development District board meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Quorum was confirmed with introductions of attendees.

Approval of Minutes

M/S/P Patti Clapper, Tom Boyd to approve the minutes from March 20, 2025 NWCCOG Economic Development District Board of Directors' meeting.

CEDS 5-Year Update

Rachel Tuyn, EDD Director gave an overview of the process for the CEDS 5-year update, which will begin on or around October 1, 2025. The 5-Year CEDS update is due to the EDA on September 30, 2026, and will cover the 5-year period Oct. 1, 2026 – Sept. 30, 2031. The current CEDS can be found on the EDD website here: <https://www.nwccog.org/programs/nwccog->

[economic-development-district/ceds/](#). Corry Mihm suggested that the work and plans of the CO|Align project spearheaded by EDCC be included in the CEDS update. Rachel suggested that time is allotted at each upcoming EDD board meeting going forward through 9/30/25 for CEDS update discussion and work.

Opportunity Now Regional Talent Summit held on June 3, 2025

Rachel gave update on this statewide effort – summary:

- Regional Talent Summits Act (HB 24-1365) aims to address workforce shortages
- convening state and regional stakeholders
- discuss economic and workforce needs
- Discuss programs and resources that might address those regional needs.
- June 2 summit was for the Northwest Region
- Regional Host: Vail Valley Partnership

Key Industries in the Northwest region:

- Construction
- Healthcare
- Tourism

Deliverables:

- Landscape Analysis
- Summit Outcomes Report
- Regional Workforce Plan (to come later in 2025) – accountability for this is Regional Action Teams
- Role of Local Workforce Board – NWCCOG EDD serves in this capacity?
- Regional Plan rolled up into 2025 Colorado Talent Pipeline Report
- Annual Progress Reports to be published in Talent Pipeline Report through 2030

<https://oedit.colorado.gov/programs-and-funding/conferences/workshops/opportunity-now-regional-talent-summits>.

Update: 2025 Regional Economic Summit

Rachel provided a recap of the 2025 Regional Economic Summit which was held on Thursday, May 1 at the Silverthorne Pavilion. Approximately 80 people attended the event, 14 of which were speakers. CHFA was the major sponsor of the event. The event pretty much broke even:

Revenues:

Registration Revenue (66 registrants)	\$1,650
Sponsorship: CHFA	<u>\$2,500</u>
Total Revenue	\$4,150

Expenses:

Pavillon Rental	\$ 950
Catering	\$2,032
Snacks/drinks	\$ 280
Other Supplies	\$ 32

Gift Bags items NLF clients	<u>\$ 582</u>
Total Expenses	\$3,876
Revenues over Expenses	\$274

The event got some press, articles in the Summit Daily News:

- Breckenridge Tourism Office says summer bookings are currently down 16%, and consumer confidence continues to drop - “We think there’s going to be a recession coming soon,” Kay said, noting the index recently hit a level economists consider to be indicative of a recession. “So that’s pretty concerning.” She shared data with those at the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments Regional Economic Summit May 1 demonstrating nights booked in Breckenridge for this summer are down 16% and Summit County is down 11%. – SDN, 5/2/25, <https://www.summitdaily.com/news/breckenridge-tourism-office-says-summer-bookings-are-currently-down-16-and-consumer-confidence-continues-to-drop/>
- Here’s what Colorado mountain town housing officials have to say about the term ‘affordable’ - High Country housing leaders discussed the affordability woes, as well as the initiatives being worked on to provide workforce housing, at the Northwest Colorado Council of Governments Regional Economic Summit on May 1. During the summit, officials opted to avoid the term “affordable” and instead used the term “workforce” housing. – SDN, 5/5/25, <https://www.summitdaily.com/news/heres-what-colorado-mountain-town-housing-officials-have-to-say-about-the-term-affordable/>

All presentations from the summit can be found here:

<https://www.nwccog.org/programs/nwccog-economic-development-district/nwccog-regional-economic-summit-2025/>

The 2026 Regional Economic Summit will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at the Silverthorne Pavilion – mark your calendars!

The board provided some feedback for next years’ event. Summary of that feedback:

- Have an organized dinner before or after the event
- Reserve a block of rooms in nearby hotel to encourage participants’ coming the night before and join dinner
- Incorporate more time for interactions
- Utilize method for immediate electronic evaluations
- Topics for future summit include contribution of older adults/retirees to the regional economy; aging of the population and implications; Kate Watkins to speak as state demographer; speaker on the State budget

DISCUSSION: Roundtable Discussion: Economic Development News from Members

Erin McCuskey – Small Business Development Center/Eagle County Economic Development
The SBDC Childcare Business Training Program has officially launched.

Riley Scott – Congressman Hurd’s Office

Riley reported that she has learned about CMC offerings and is very impressed.

Becky Walter, Finance Director, NWCCOG –

Becky mentioned the Summit County Helps Program and stated that four of her friends were clients of this program and it helped them purchase condos in Summit County which allowed them to stay in the county.

Jeffrey Woodruff, Pitkin County

Jeffrey reported that the main issues in Pitkin County right now is wildfires, water, and wolves. A new tower will improve communication systems between all first responders in the area. The county is building a new 911 Center in El Jebel. The county is working with AI on wildfire detection. The county recently was the host of a 16,000 person concert (Kasey Musgraves) which resulted in a lot of costs to the county including public safety. The county emergency management program uses these large events as tabletop exercises. The county has budgeted \$1 M to contribute to the Regional Mountain Housing Coalition

Tom Boyd – Eagle County

Vail is expecting 100,000 for the upcoming GoPro Mountain Games.

Lana Bryce – Town of Gypsum

Housing costs are getting crazy as well as who is buying (lots of investors). Just approved another 72-home subdivision, average size 1,350 square feet, average price \$750,000, market-rate (no deed restrictions). Buyers could go through Eagle County’s program to get paid for deed-restriction to get some down-payment assistance. Many people moving to Gypsum from up valley.

Jason Zook – Glenwood Springs

The city has implemented an Employer Rental Assistance Program, employer pays half, city pays half, in an effort to get housing costs down to no more than 33% of monthly income. The city will also be implementing a 20% down payment assistance program.

Patti Clapper – Pitkin County

The municipal bonds issue has not been addresses – i.e. the county is not considering removing tax exempt status of municipal bonds.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

M/S/P Jeffrey Woodruff/Erin McCuskey to adjourn the meeting at 2:17 pm.

DiAnn Butler, NWCCOG EDD Board Chair

Date