



MINUTES
AGNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS & MEMBER MEETING
August 17, 2022
9:00 am to 1:30 pm

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Pledge of allegiance

Call to order – Chairman Mike Samson, called the meeting to order at 9:03am. Introductions were made.

Approval of minutes – Cody Davis made a motion to approve the minutes; Chris Nichols seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Financial report – Tiffany Pehl Petersen reported on the July 2022 financials. The balance sheet as of July 31, 2022, was described with assets described, deferred revenue explained, accounts receivable described and deferred future revenues explained. A large portion of the income is attributable to AAoA and has been processed out. The Profit and Loss Statement for July 2022 was described. We are a little ahead in revenue for the month and the year. A good portion of this is attributable to contribution project admin fees. We are slightly under for expenses on the month and the year. Accounts Receivable as of 8/15/22 was described, including Routt County ED dues that have been billed, and a sponsorship from CHFA for the ED Summit. An outstanding amount from Coloradans for Natural Resources for last year's ED Summit sponsorship was discussed. Dianna Orf said she can contact them regarding the outstanding balance. The Check Register as of 8/15/22 was described with checks written since last board meeting. We will follow up with Jackson County and Oak Creek regarding their outstanding balances for member dues. It was noted that we have not raised the dues for AGNC for the next year. We have not had dues increase since 2014. Chris Nichols asked about the savings account balance and if we could put it in an account that earns better interest. Tiffany explained that is a reserve account and we can look at getting it into a better earning account. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Ginny Love, seconded by Chris Nichols Piering, and the motion passed unanimously.

Project and Committee Reports:

Area Agency on Aging – Heather Jones, NW CO AAoA Director provided an overview of AAA efforts. Robb Huff has been hired from Colorado Legal Services. This is the first time in 48 years that we have had a 2nd person in AAoA, and this will help free up some time for Heather. The ombudsman for the northern region will be retiring and they will be looking to fill that position. They had a visit from Kara Harvey to learn about the AAoA budget and how they use their ARPA dollars. The COVID dollars will run out by September of 2024 and they discussed the upcoming financial cliff. There has been an increase in the use of services due to COVID. They may get an increase in funding due to the number of people using services. Heather was happy to meet with her to discuss these issues. The state will have several people coming to do visits in the upcoming weeks. They will visit meal services and meals on wheels. Heather reported on some numbers which can be seen in the attached report. They are seeing in person numbers starting to come back since the pandemic. Heather's written report can be seen at the end of these minutes as Appendix A.

Broadband update – Corey Bryndal shared a graphic of the overall project that Region 10 is working on. He showed a map with existing networks. They have received funding to extend the networks. They have also received some grant funds that will get additional fiber. The concept is to serve the rural communities and get redundancy with increased capacity, and use of large service providers. He talked about the activity in Garfield and Mesa Counties. Activity in Rifle and Glenwood Springs was discussed. Grants have been awarded for Silt, New Castle, and Parachute. He is encouraged by the response from ISP's to use these spaces and to make local investments to increase capacity in these communities. Mesa County was discussed including Fruita, Collbran, De Beque, and Clifton. Funded projects and future grant applications are moving forward in all these areas. Existing routes in GJ have been identified and the coordination and planning in GJ is very encouraging. Southern Colorado counties were also discussed. There is a lot of effort in the Western Slope. The fiber along I70 is being done by CDOT and they have had some roadblocks with pricing and restrictions. They have not settled yet as to how they can get access to this fiber because of these roadblocks. They will continue to work on these issues with the appropriate people. Dave Reynolds from the town of New Castle asked a question regarding the I70 connection and how to get the connections into the towns. The concern is the fiber along the highway from Glenwood Springs to Grand Junction. Corey explained the original agreement and the restrictions that were put in place at that time. Corey showed a graphic to explain the connection between I70 and the towns, discussing lateral fibers to the CNL locations, which are locally funded. He has been helping the local communities get grant funding, etc. to pay for these connections and CNLs.

Legislative update – Dianna and Richard Orf reported on interim committees. Their detailed report is attached as Appendix B. Many committees have requested that draft bills be presented to decide if they will move forward. Some of these bills include compensation for wolf kills, as well as PFAS chemicals found in water and how it impacts local departments. Transportation committees focused on green energy, electric vehicles, and clean truck initiatives which is causing concerns with long distance trucks and farming trucks. Another concern was their emphasis on land use and zoning, in that they want to encourage more dense development and “helping” local governments with zoning reform. The Oversight committee has removed the rezoning of enterprise zone from its list of topics. They are looking at expanding sales and use tax to services, as well as using federal adjusted gross income for applying state income tax. Richard explained that this is due to finding a more equitable way of taxing due to TABOR and the refunds. They are also looking at repealing the oil shale development tax. The Wildfire Matters committee is looking at a bill to harden the building construction requirements to resist fire and create a board to oversee codes. They discussed the impact on local governments and possible controversies. Jeff Comstock asked about the Wolf bill and who would manage it. Dianna said it is still just a concept and there are not a lot of details about compensation. Jeff brought up several points that should be considered when looking at losses due to Wolves. He asked them to keep an eye on this bill moving forward. Dianna asked him to be sure to send her the concerns and Jeff said he would. Ginny Love also expressed concern over the age of the animals for consideration as well. Rep. Perry said most of this has already been discussed by SAG and TAG groups and needs to be included in the bill. Richard discussed that the issue may be finding better numbers and how to fund them moving forward.

Reports from Various State Legislators

Rep. Perry Will from house district 57 addressed the meeting. He spoke about the photographer in the room taking pictures for his campaign. He talked about the counties that he covers due to the new redistricting. He said he feels good about the new redistricting, and that he represents everything that people choose to live here for, and that it's not partisan for him. He spoke about interim committees, what has happened to the timber industry and the tax credit. He talked about the new technology and equipment, and the need for career pathways into these industries from high schools and community colleges. He talked about the importance of managing our forests to

mitigate wildfires. He said that he thinks people are being educated to the need for conservation versus preservation. He said that a healthy forest will also help with water conservation. He also spoke about the Wolf issue. He said the working groups have been doing a good job with public comment. He spoke about the Wild Earth Guardians and their plan for the Wolves. He also spoke about the funding and what he has asked for compared to what has been allocated. He is opposed to the sportsman's dollars paying for the reintroduction. He talked about his support of lethal take of offending wolves and his background with CPW. He spoke about his concern with the number of people in Colorado and his concerns with how unfair it is to the species of Wolves to reintroduce them into this population. He is also concerned that habitat assessment was not done prior to the vote. He said that CWP will do the best they can, but it is going to be tough process. He fears that it will not be very successful and there will be conflict due to the high population. He then spoke about last year's session. He is now on the capital development committee. He discussed the other committees he is now on and that he intends to do a wonderful job on the committees that he serves on. He spoke about the democrat to republican ratio in the senate and house. He is concerned with the bills that are getting pushed through because of this unbalanced ratio. He also spoke about the size of his district and that he loves to represent it. Ray Beck commented that he appreciates Rep. Will's service to the district and best wishes on his upcoming election. Lisa Piering said "ditto" to Ray's comments. Perry commented that he is sad to lose Moffat and Rio Blanco counties. Ginny Love also commented on Perry's commitment to his constituents. Mike Samson also commented about how fortunate we are to have him and hopes he will be reelected.

Rep. Janice Rich from house district 55 spoke about the redistricting and that she now has Cedaredge. She moved to Colorado almost 50 years ago and is glad to call it home. She spoke about the challenges we face living in rural Colorado when the majority of legislators live in the urban corridor of Denver, and the divide it creates. She spoke about the capital development committee and traveling to GJ with the committee. She said that no one else on the committee had been to GJ before this trip, and this was eye opening to her. She spoke about the urban rural divide that is apparent to her because of this discrepancy. She talked about one of her constituents that hit a pothole on I70 near Rifle, costing him over \$3400. Janice reported this to the state and her concerns with transportation maintenance. She talked about her concerns with the recent legislation that does not address maintenance. She expressed her concern in the one-party rule and the need in the upcoming elections to change this. She said she is running for the state senate in district 7 and hopes that we can have more balance at the state level. She would like to see more legislators working together and less pushing-through of bills by just one party. She talked about putting the interests of rural Colorado first, and how to benefit western Colorado. She talked about the committees that she serves on. Dianna Orf talked about an event in Moffat County years ago that invited legislators to the area and how it gave them a chance to get to know the western slope. Janice agreed that we need to come up with some ideas to get them more involved in the western slope. Dianna asked about the constitutional amendment that limits this, and if there is a way to pass something that would allow this to happen again. She talked about making it more of an educational event for the legislators. Perry Will commented that there is a divide, and the urban legislators have a hard time understanding the rural perspective. Janice spoke about a bill that was passed to help give medical professionals the opportunity to work in rural areas and hopefully stay in these areas. Ellen Turner from Palisade spoke about an idea to work with groups to get more legislators to come to the western slope.

Matt Soper from house district 54 spoke and said that it has been an honor to serve in the state legislator. He is from Delta. He spoke about the committees he currently serves, as well as the community boards and commissions that he serves on. He spoke about house bill 1145 that was run last year, regarding competitive shoots and the limit on magazine rounds. He talked about fixing this issue with signage at the shooting range to replace the affidavit that is currently required to be signed by shooters, which he said is unconstitutional. Matt talked about the struggle getting legislators to visit his district. He spoke about setting up a visit to the Van Winkle ranch and giving them the opportunity to speak with H-2A workers and his frustration that no one spoke with them. He spoke about the session this last year and how busy it was even during an election year. He talked about a bill they had worked on and made many compromises, but it didn't move forward because the special interests didn't want to give up control and make

any compromises. He talked about the need for a balance of power due to this, as well. He talked about the importance of making case law accessible to the citizens of Colorado. He said that they can provide a public faced website that can make this accessible and save money. Ellen Turner from Palisade brought up the Cameo shooting complex and the magazine affidavit issue, and as a result of the legislation, many competitions have pulled out of the Cameo complex. She said that this is a huge economic problem for the local area, and she is frustrated with the bill and the amount of money it has cost Mesa County. Mike Samson commented that AGNC worked hard to get the shooting complex built at Cameo. He is also frustrated by the lack of understanding and caring about the way of life on the western slope by legislators. Matt commented that Cameo provides a safe place to go shooting and enjoy the sport. Rep. Will commented that the events at Cameo bring in a lot of money to the community and state. Ellen Turner commented again about how wonderful the facility is.

Mike Samson presented an appreciation award to Perry Will as a state legislator. He said that he has known Perry for a very long time. He said that we owe him a great deal for stepping up and running for that seat and getting elected. He said that he has never heard a negative comment about Perry, which is a great tribute. He gives his heart and soul to his job and is very dedicated. Perry said thank you and said that he is truly humbled. He spoke about when he first came to the legislator and first realizing that he represents his constituents when votes and the heavy weight that is on him

IJA Funding Opportunities – Keely Ellis with OEDIT spoke about the two components of IJA. There is a federal one, and a state one. The Colorado IJA cash fund was discussed. She said that Meredith Marshall is the best contact for the state. Keely will share a search tool document with Tiffany Pehl that will be sent out to everyone. She recommends attending Meredith's office hours and diving into the IJA search tool. She shared the search tool and discussed how to use it. The search tool is for programs and funds available to Colorado. Tiffany said that she would like everyone to look at the tool and identify the programs you are interested in and let her know. Meredith will be at the meeting in October, and we would like to focus on these programs at that meeting.

Federal Delegate Updates

McKenna Farley with Rep. Boebert's office – introduced Bernadette Lake as a new field representative. They will start rotating AGNC meetings. McKenna reported about a letter Rep. Boebert sent to the state regarding transparency in the Sweetwater Lake State Park. The current proposal has many unanswered questions and poses additional difficulties. They are still waiting for a response to the letter and questions asked. She spoke about the Dolores Canyon legislation being proposed. She also spoke about 6 appropriation bills passed that Rep. Boebert was opposed to but was able to secure 9 appropriations from the bills for Colorado. She spoke about funding that was secured through acts for endangered species and lost livestock. She has also secured funding for the I70 Glenwood Canyon corridor, and alternate routes impacted by closures. Mike Samson expressed appreciation from Garfield County for her letter regarding Sweetwater.

Matt Kireker with Sen. Bennet – Matt talked about a bill that has been through reconciliation called the Inflation Reduction Act. He talked about the comments Rep. Will made regarding our forests, and this act will provide some funding for drought, forestry, and USDA conservation program. This funding will help with the groundwork needed in Colorado. The Grassland Conservation act was discussed, and Matt talked about some of the concerns with it, including sage grouse issues. Matt talked about the fact that this bill may not move forward with this congress. He said that this bill needs to be pro ag and pro farmer. He said that Senator Bennet would like there to be representatives from the ranching and agriculture communities to support this bill. Ginny Love said that she was concerned about the wording in the bill not being palatable to ranching and agriculture, regarding greenhouse gases, carbon sequestration and civil pasture. Matt said they are more than happy to work with her and get more answers to her questions. Ray Beck commented that the bill needs to be written in a more clear way that is easy to understand. He also said that the people in NW Colorado need to have more say in the bill and are engaged in the process moving forward. Matt agreed and said that Senator Bennet wants to start with those on the ground and that he will take those concerns back to Senator Bennet. Matt said there will be a conversation in Craig tomorrow regarding the Farm Bill and he would like Ray Beck to be at the meeting. He would like to make sure the Farm Bill addresses the

concerns of NW Colorado. Matt said that Senator Bennet will be in Steamboat next week. Tiffany asked if Matt would present at our next meeting in October regarding the Farm Bill. Matt said that he will see if that could be a possibility.

Administrative Update – Tiffany Pehl provided an update on the following topics and spoke about how busy she has been since Bonnie Petersen retired:

- She had a meeting with Mesa County regarding the CHIPS bill that was just passed and regional technology hubs, stem education, and possibilities for Craig in this bill. She truly appreciated Mesa County thinking about Craig.
- She attended the Wolf Meeting in Moffat County regarding the 10J rule. She would like anyone that can to make public comments.
- The nuclear meeting was held on August 1st and 2nd in Craig. The community seemed receptive. They are still waiting to hear about our grant application for this.
- The DOLA mini grant application is just about ready to submit and is due August 28th. Regional grant specialist position funding will be coming from DOLA. Jeff Tripp will be filling in that role for us. Every COG can apply for this grant, with \$70K as base salary, with some indirect costs, for a total grant of \$100K, which would allow Jeff to join AGNC permanently. They are only able to commit to one year at this time, but hopeful it could be funded for a longer period.
- The AGNC ED Summit is next week on August 25th, here in Rifle at the Ute Theater. Registration is low at this time, so she encouraged all to register so we can get a solid count for lunch. She asked that all invite your LNG producers to come to hear from SEMPRA regarding opportunities in NW Colorado. She asked to let her know if they need comp tickets. September board meeting will be part 2 of the ED Summit with topics on housing, ag, health care, workforce retention, recycling centers and we have some great speakers. The August 25th ticket includes the September ticket, so it is 2 for 1.

New Business – *Next meeting September 21, 2022, Grand River Health Conference Center, 501 Airport Road, Rifle, CO 81650*

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 12:34 pm.

Attendance:

IN PERSON	VIA ZOOM
Tiffany Pehl	Corey Bryndal
Mike Samson	Lisa Piering
Heather Jones	Matt Kireker
Janice Rich	Christina Oxley
Ginny Love	Ray Beck
Jeff Comstock	Jeannie Caldwell
McKenna Farley	Keely Ellis
Bernadette Lake	Jeff Tripp
Cody Davis	Kari Linker
Chris Nichols	
Dianna Orf	
Richard Orf	
Perry Will	
Melody Villard	
Ted Orf	
Sarah Carlisle	
Melody Harrison	
Dave Reynolds	
Joel Dyar	
Matt Soper	
Andrea Fields	

APPENDIX A



Updates from AAA 08/17/2022:

- I would like to announce that Robb Huff has accepted the Community Outreach Manager position. He will be the new Regional LTC Ombudsman and assist with AAA administrative items. He starts his new role 8/22/2022. The AAA will work with Colorado Legal Services regarding replacing his current LTC ombudsman position.
- Kara Harvey, the Director of Aging and Adult Services with the Colorado Department of Human Services visited the AAA on August 3rd. She was interested in learning about how Region 11 does their AAA budget, how we have used/will use stimulus funding and if we are anticipating a financial cliff in the coming years. She was also interested in how our LTC Ombudsman program is going. Kara was soliciting feedback on how the State can help the AAAs more.
- The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman will be doing a monitoring visit on 8/31
- The State Unit on Aging will be doing their monitoring visit the following week 9/7-9/8. They have plans to visit with Garfield County Nutrition and Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Mesa County Meals on Wheels and Hilltop's Senior Daybreak. They will be eating in Parachute on 9/7 and going on a home-delivered meal route 9/8.

Region 11, July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

- Served 4,042 unduplicated individuals (15 more than last year)
 - 183 individuals accessed caregivers services (26 more than year)
 - 1406 individuals accessed congregate meals (194 more than last year)
 - 1272 individuals accessed home delivered meals (140 more than last year)
 - 260 individuals accessed SHIP (172 more than last year)
 - 2144 individuals accessed Supportive Services (105 more than last year)
 - ADRC, Wellness Classes, Legal Services, Transportation
 - 374 individuals accessed Supportive Services Vouchers (63 more than last year)
- 2,522 hours of case management (65 more hours than last year)
- 37,620 congregate meals (last year only 6,272 meals)
- 4,065 hours of wellness classes (last year only 2,300)
- 183,567 home delivered meals (drop of 38,616)
- 14,054 contacts for information and assistance (1,904 contacts more than last year)
- 2,247 hours of legal services (570 hours more than last year)

- 9,879 contacts for Reassurance (lifeline, visit, phone call) (4,288 less contacts than last year)
- 8,707 hours of respite care (3,052 less hours than last year)
- 20,309 one-way trips for transportation (4,774 increase in one-way trips from last year).
- Popular vouchers: Chore, homemaker assistance, glasses, health equipment and hearing aids.

APPENDIX B



ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS OF NORTHWEST COLORADO GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT AUGUST 17, 2022

LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEES

Water and Agriculture Resources Review Committee. Among the bill requests were submitted 1) to incentivize the use of non-tributary water such as through treatment and beneficial use of produced water from mineral development 2) create a standing year-round committee on water issues; and 3) limit CDPHE ability to distribute unverified information or data not approved by EPA's Scientific Advisory Committees; 4) limit Homeowner Associations' ability to prohibit use of Xeriscape. There was also a request for a bill draft to address equitable compensation for cases of wolf kills to deal with not only the market value of the animal but any special characteristics (breed, etc.). The committee is showing a great deal of interest in PFAS chemicals as well. It was difficult to get a strong sense of the committee's interests as the bill requests were required to be submitted at the first meeting on August 4.

Transportation Legislation Review Committee. The TLRC submitted its bill draft requests which included one bill that would allow Electric Vehicle charging stations at rest areas as soon as it is permitted under federal law (currently rest areas on interstate highways do not allow commercial facilities). Although there was a good deal of discussion about Clean Trucks, and concern raised by committee members about California CARB proposals being adopted in Colorado, CDOT clarified that the current emphasis on electrification of trucks is focused on light duty delivery vehicles, although strategies are being developed for medium and heavy-duty trucks. CDOT reported that \$733 million in fees from SB 20-260 will be directed through various Enterprises into EV support and infrastructure. Colorado will receive \$57 million over five years to increase EV infrastructure with fast and mid-level chargers. A market study is being completed on indirect sources of GHG such as shopping centers and facilities that could increase traffic. "For all or some categories of projects, indirect source rules could supplement local land use authority to ensure the impacts from large attractors of mobile sources are evaluated and mitigated. There will be an emphasis on pushing higher density development and "helping" local governments with land use and zoning reform.

The Oversight Committee on Tax Policy. The Committee has updated its direction to the Task Force and it is no longer reviewing Enterprise Zones for potential changes. However, the work of the Task Force is ongoing and they are directed to study 1) applying the state income tax to federal adjusted gross income rather than federal taxable income; and 2) options for expanding the sales and use tax to apply to services, including but not limited to tangible personal property services, real property services, and/or personal and professional services, with attention to the long-term impacts on the tax base, the effects on households of different incomes, business-to-business transactions, vertically integrated businesses, and tax pyramiding. Rep Benavidez requested a draft bill to repeal several tax credits and exemptions currently not being used, including several related to oil shale development and impact assistance. No bill drafts were requested impacting severance tax on metals or molybdenum nor were any bills on Enterprise Zones.

Wildfire Matters Committee. Ten bill drafts were requested including bills to 1) "harden" building construction to resist fire; 2) create a board to oversee codes in the Wildland-Urban Interface; 3) expand workforce development for firefighting and the timber industry; 4) obtain greater funding for reforestation; 5) encourage high school counselors to advocate job training in forestry; 6) create a pilot program using cameras and

artificial intelligence in firefighting; 7) fund investigation of fire origins; fund equipment for fire mitigation and timber removal on steep slope. Sen. Coram pointed out that there may be some controversy over building code changes in areas at high risk for wildfire and urged consultation with local government organizations.

AQCC. At the August 18 meeting the Commission will hear Regional Haze State Implementation (SIP) Plan 5-Year Progress Report. The Division will request that the Commission set a hearing to consider revisions to the Regional Haze SIP. The EPA regulations require each state to submit a report to EPA every five years that evaluates the progress towards the reasonable progress goal for each class I area. The draft report is at https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1XTWqRVX0c68TqO6Fye_eCF2F7SJbRhk8

Looking Ahead –

The Colorado Water Congress meets August 23-25 in Steamboat Springs for its fall conference. The interim Water and Agriculture Resources Committee will hold a public meeting on August 24 at 2 pm during the conference.

Club 20 will hold its fall organizational meetings and candidate forum September 9-10 in Grant Junction.

The Colorado General Assembly will convene on January 9, 2023.