



ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS  
OF NORTHWEST COLORADO

**MINUTES**

**AGNC EDD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**November 15, 2023**

**Garfield County Administration Building, 195 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Rifle CO 81650**

**ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2510562431> Password: 2462**

**PHONE: +1 (669) 900-6833 Meeting ID: 251 056 2431 Password: 2462**

Call to order 10:32am

**Approval of Minutes** – Bill Carlson made a motion to approve the May 24, 2023 minutes. Doug Overton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Margie Joy CHFA – Community Relationship Manager for Western Slope**, reported that CHFA was established through state legislation, but they are not a state agency and are self-funded. She reported they received an allocation of new market tax credits for \$65M, a type of business financing in economic distressed areas. She said that CHFA is helping to administer Prop 123, especially in areas of land banking. She said the best resource for learning about Prop 123 is at the website: [thecoloradoaffordablefinancing.com](http://thecoloradoaffordablefinancing.com). She said they will have some of the CHFA team presenting at our ED summit in August 2024. She said that CHFA has recognized the connection between health and housing, and the challenge of finding housing not just for health care workers, but also other frontline workers like education, etc. She said they have been working on how they can pair with health care organizations for programs. She said they are continuing with small housing technical assistance, partnering with Roaring Fork Habitat, and other organizations in Mesa and Montrose counties. She said they are looking at homeowners of mobile home parks, and are offering assistance in that area. She said they are in the review process of grants, working with non-profit organizations throughout the state. She said they are very busy right now, just like everyone else.

**EDD Update – Mistalynn Meyeraan** reported on recent meetings that were attended including the Garfield County ED meeting, working with CRVEDP, and the EDCC meeting in Grand Junction. She asked Drew Kramer to speak about the award giving to Bonnie Petersen. Drew Kramer, EDCC board chairman, said they gave out the EDIE awards, including the Board Chairman’s Choice award, which was given to Bonnie. He said he thought it was important to him to recognize the work she has done for the coal communities, as well as all her work with AGNC, Club 20 and beyond. Bonnie said thank you to Drew and that it was a very nice surprise. Drew said he will spend one more year on the board of EDCC as the immediate past chair and is looking forward to more collaboration with AGNC. Mistalynn reported that Tiffany Dickenson presented at the CORE CM meeting in Craig, and that she and Mistalynn also attended the water conference in Montrose. Mistalynn reported on the CEDS committee meeting that was recently held, including grants. She shared the Western Colorado Recompete Pilot grant that we applied for, in cooperation with Region 9 and Region 10.

She said there is no match required for this grant, and as part of the grant application they did a regional assessment, which is also useful for other grant applications. She said this is a very competitive grant, and we should know by the end of the year. She said the three major strategy development projects as part of this grant: regional innovation corridor, business park planning, and industrial park development. She asked Tiffany to speak about the Capacity Building for Repurposing Energy Assets grant that has been applied for. Tiffany said this is a grant for outreach to the communities impacted by the coal shutdowns. Mistalynn reported on the CEDS implementation grant that will be used for marking and website improvement. She said other upcoming grants include the Just Transition Grant and the EDA Partnership Planning grant.

Next EDD meeting February 21, 2024 in Rifle.

Meeting adjourned – 10:55am

**Attendance:**

<b>IN PERSON</b>	<b>VIA ZOOM</b>
Jeannie Caldwell	Heather Jones-Region 11 AAA
Marybel Cox	Jeff Engell - CSU Extension
Keith Caddy	Shannon Scott
Chris Nichols	13039562574
Ray Beck	Margie Joy CHFA-Colorado
Bill Carlson	13039562574
Grady Hazelton	Jeff Comstock
Mike Samson	13039562574
Bonnie Peterson	Bobbie Daniel
Dianna Orf	Corey Bryndal
Ted Orf	Brandon Bainer-Colorado Farm Bureau (Brandon Bainer)
Richard Orf	Drew Kramer
Perry Will	Christina Oxley, CDLE
Brian Condie	Jonathan Boydston - DNR/CPW
Lori Malsbury	Tim Brass - DNR
Cody Davis	Brian Dreher - CPW (Brian Dreher - DNR/CPW)
Tom Rugaard	Jake Ivan
Doug Overton	Daphne Gervais - DNR
Tiffany Dickenson	Sarah Hamming
Mistalynn Meyeraan	13039157869
Toni Barrett	