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2021 Economic Development Summit



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2021 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021
UTE THEATER
132 E. 4TH ST., RIFLE, CO 81650
9:00 am – 4:30 pm

9:00 – 9:05 Welcome – Mike Samson, AGNC Chairman

Regional Update/Current Economic Conditions:

9:05 – 9:45 NW Colorado Economic Trends & Updates – Nathan Perry, Associate Professor of Economics, Colorado Mesa University

Economic Development Ideas:

9:45 – 10:30 New and Expanded Small Business and Community Economic Development Programs for Rural Colorado –

Katharina Papenbrock, Deputy Director, Rural Opportunity Office, CO Office of Economic Development and International Trade

Andrea Blankenship, Rural Jump Start Program Manager, Director of International Tourism, CO Office of Economic Development and International Trade

10:30 – 10:45 BREAK

10:45 – 11:45 Alternative Uses for Coal Panel

Davin Bagdonas, Research Scientist/Coal and Rare Earth Elements, Univ. of Wyoming

Nathan Perry, Coal to Products Study

Jeremiah Riley, Coal to Products Study

11:45 – 12:30 LUNCH / Speaker: Wendell Pryor, Chaffee County

12:30 -1:00 Colorado Housing and Finance Authority Opportunities – Jerilynn Francis – CHFA and Margie Joy, NW Colorado CHFA Rep

1:00 – 2:00 Updates on AGNC Regional Colorado Economic Development Programs and Partnership Opportunities –

Katharina Papenbrock, Deputy Director, Rural Opportunity Office, CO Office of Economic Development and International Trade

Kirstie McPherson, Community Coordinator, Office of Just Transition, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

2:00 – 2:15 BREAK

2:15 – 2:45 Agricultural Technology Innovations – Charles Barr, Owner, Silt Farms

2:45 – 3:45 EDA ARPA Program Notice of Funding Opportunities –

Trent Thompson, Economic Development Representative, CO and UT, U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration

3:45 – 4:15 Financial and Consulting Resources - Anita Cameron – Northwest Business Loan Fund

4:15 - 4:30 Thank You and Adjournment

5:00 Spring Born Tour

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