



ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS
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AGNC EDD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 19, 2021

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2510562431>

By Phone: +1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 251 056 2431

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

1:03 P.M. Call to Order – Mike Samson, Chairman
Approval of February 17, 2021 AGNC EDD Minutes

Introduction of new Economic Development Coordinator – Karl Paulsen introduced himself and shared his background with the group.

Routt County ED Delegate – The EDD board nominated John Bristol, the Steamboat Springs Chamber of Commerce Director, to be the board member representing Routt County.

Economic Development Overview – Laura Lewis Marchino, Executive Director, Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado

Laura Lewis Marchino gave an enthusiastic and informative presentation on Rural Economic Development. She spoke about how much more challenging economic development is in rural areas. She defined economic development and explained how it is accomplished.

Rural Strategies that work:

1. Place-based: Build communities people want to live in.
2. Asset-based: What makes you unique?
3. Economic gardening: grow your own
4. Entrepreneurial Innovation
5. Regionalism

Laura's presentation in its entirety can be viewed on the AGNC website.

Report on EDD Activities – Tiffany Pehl and Bonnie Petersen

CEDS Update – We are in the process of updating our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) as required by the EDA. All the meetings will be conducted virtually. Our first regional meeting will be June 2 and the final one will be on July 23. We will conduct five (5) individual County Meetings, also via Zoom, between the regional meetings.

Broadband Discussion – AGNC is hosting a Regional Broadband Access Review meeting on Friday, June 11, from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm at the Mesa County Commissioner's Community Room in Grand Junction. We will discuss the current Broadband situation across the AGNC region, and

attempt to identify the overlap of projects sponsored by Regions 10 and 12. The meeting goal will be to identify gaps in the AGNC region; any plans to currently being made to address those gaps and to tee up continued conversation regarding AGNC's role, if any, in addressing those gaps.

ED Summit – Staff plans to host an Economic Development Summit in August 2021 in Rifle at the Ute Theater.

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Attendance:

Betsy Bair, Community Hospital

Ray Beck, Moffat County

John Bristol, Steamboat Springs Chamber of Commerce

Peter Brixius, City of Craig

Bill Carlson, Town of Palisade

Jeff Comstock, Moffat County

Brian Condie, City of Rifle

Cindy Dozier, Club 20

Keely Ellis, Town of Rangely

Nancy Fishing, CLUB 20

Mike Hawley, Colorado Mountain Realty

Todd Hollenbeck, Mesa County

Jennifer Holloway, Craig Chamber of Commerce

Laura Kay Houser, AGNC

Heather Jones, AAoA

Tyler Kelly, Rifle Regional EDC

Drew Kramer, Tri-State Energy Co-op

Tom Keinschnitz, Moffat County

Merrit Linke, Grand County

Alyssa Logan, Sen. Bennet's office

Laura Lewis Marchino, Region 9 Economic Development District

Melonie Matarozzo, Town of Collbran

Sarah McCarthy, Sen. Hickenlooper's office

Gary Moyer, Rio Blanco County

Chris Nichols, City of Craig

Dianna Orf, Orf & Orf, P.C.

Richard Orf, Orf & Orf, P.C.

Ted Orf, Orf & Orf, P.C.

Karl Paulsen, CWF

Tiffany Pehl, AGNC

Bonnie Peterson, AGNC

Hogan Peterson, Rep. Boebert's office

Janet Rowland, Mesa County

Mike Samson, Garfield County

Shannon Scott, Craig Economic Development

Eddie Smercina, Rio Blanco County

Carly Thomson, Rio Blanco County

Carolyn Tucker, CWF

Melody Villard, Moffat County