



Regular Meeting Minutes | Tuesday, December 11, 2018 | 7:00 a.m.

Mountain View Restaurant | Monte Vista

Attendees: Jason Cody, Tim Cody, Josh Cody, Roni Wisdom, Michael Wisdom, Karla Shriver, Ken Hamko, Marty Asplin, Bernadette Martinez, Suzanne Bothell, Jim Clare, Gene Farish, Tom Slade, Randy Wright, Linda Robinson, Earl Robinson, Tom Monaco, Andrea Oaks-Jaramillo, Suzanne Benton, Traci Holmes, Gigi Dennis, John Noffske, and Bonnie Asplin

Call to Order 7:06 by President, Tom Slade.

- I. **Present Agenda:** M/S by Karla Shriver/Suzanne Benton; approved
- II. **Minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting:** M/S for approval as presented by Bonnie Asplin/Andrea Oaks-Jaramillo; approved
- III. **Director's Report:**
 - a. Proofed and edited the GOCO Grant written by Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration.
 - b. SLV Tourism "Keep it Cool" in the SLV brochure edited and expanded.
 - c. Starting to work on the 2019 SLV Economic Summit.
 - d. URGED 2018 Economic Update Power Point Presentation to South Fork Town Board of Trustees.
 - e. Del Norte Chamber of Commerce – possibility of a 2019 12-hour Mountain Bike Endurance Race
 - f. Example of Economic Development – 12-hour bike race. Will bring in 400-450 riders to the county. It will be a good event to get a lot of attention for the Valley.
- IV. **Business:**
 - a. Vote on 2019/2020 Board Members; Four directors running for four positions: Shon Davis, Bernadette Martinez, Forrest Neuerburg and Roni Wisdom.
- V. **Program:** Jason and Josh Cody gave a presentation of Colorado Malting Company. Malt is the building block for making beer. Colorado Malting Company grows their own barley and have been successful in marketing the barley at a premium price for a premium value. Farm to table still demanding a premium. SLV has premium malts. They have worked with Coors for over 5 years and just became a vendor with Anheuser Busch. Overall, they have been successful in putting SLV on the map with boutique beer. The market is currently ripe and includes Russia, United Kingdom, Japan, South Korea and Scandinavia. The equipment part of the company, Malt Tech LLC, was started in 2014. Because they couldn't buy the equipment they needed for malting, they built it. They developed a malt roasting unit that they now have for sale. They grow what they malt. Brew beer in small batches to test the malts. Old world roasting is based on how you heat the grain. Controlling that process with a touch screen roasting machine which is similar to a coffee roaster. The machine heats the beans as quickly as possible. They discovered if they control that process, they could create something that is much better than the industrial systems. They went on to explain how this was done and what they project the future of beer is. Question and answer followed.
- VI. **Regular Reports:**



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- a) *Rio Grande County* – Will be looking at their budget tomorrow and invite everyone to come to learn about the budget. This will impact everyone in the county. A new water export scheme is in the works. What is different about this is that it has a lot of support politically against us. It is something we need to watch closely. This could have a huge implication in the Valley. Historic preservation tax credits going up to 35% to be spread over 10 years. The rules aren't as stringent. Great possibility for economic.
- b) *Del Norte* – Sewer project is in the process of digging the lift-station. The reinforcement and replacement of man holes. The River Project is moving forward.
- c) *South Fork* – Is in the process of getting a new water system. Acquisition of existing water systems is interesting.
- d) *Mineral County, Creede/ReWACT* – Just had their 5-year celebration. They have funding going to the radar system. Department of Transportation joint budget committee is putting 1.2 million to put this radar system in. The information will be usable by airport, Water Community, road and bridge, and weather. The closest radar system is in Pueblo. It will be spring before it is done. The Courthouse sold.
- e) *SLVSBDC* – The first event 40 people showed up. Passed out program showing the SLV Power Luncheon Series of events. Also passed out the 2019 Workshop series of classes.

VII. **Next Meeting:** January 8, 2019, location to be determined, with program by Stephanie Goldbranson & Barbara Pacheco on Labor & Employment Specialists, South Central Workforce Development Center.

VIII. **Adjourn:** Approved after motion and second at 8:04.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Robinson