

Regular Meeting Minutes | Tuesday, October 9, 2018 | 7:00 a.m.

Mountain View Restaurant | Monte Vista

Attendees: Suzanne Bothell, Suzanne Benton, Shon Davis, Andrea Oaks-Jaramillo, Joelle Boos-Medina, Tom Slade, Gigi Dennis, Sara Blackhurst, Lyndsey Ferrell, Gene Farish, Bernadette Martinez, Earl Robinson, Linda Robinson, Jim Clare, Karla Shriver, Gene Glover, Tom Monaco, Kevin Wilkins, Charlie Spielman, Marty Asplin, and Bonnie Asplin

- I. **Call to Order** 7:11 by President, Tom Slade.
- II. **Present Agenda:** M/S by Bonnie Asplin/; Gigi Dennis; approved
- III. **Minutes of the July 10, 2018 meeting:** M/S for approval as presented by Karla Shriver /Andrea Jaramillo; approved
- IV. **Director's Report:**
 - a. San Luis Valley Conservation & Connection Initiative – Sustainability Workshop.
 - b. Community Health Needs Assessment – Rio Grande Hospital & Clinics, Rio Grande County Public Health and San Luis Valley Behavioral Health Group. The assessment is performed every three years. Looking for input from people other than hospital employees. It will take about 5-minutes to answer the questions.
 - c. Presented our position regarding Village at Wolf Creek to Alamosa County Economic Development Corporation monthly board meeting. Did a question and answer discussing the Village and what it represents to the Valley. As a result of the discussion they voted to support the concept of a Village at Wolf Creek Ski Area.
 - d. Met with and reported to Rio Grande Tourism.
- V. **Business:**
 - a. Election process for 2019 Board Members. The four board members whose terms are up are willing to return for another term. Tom asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Accept a motion that all members be approved. M/S by Jim Clare/Shon Davis; approved
- VI. **Programs:**
 - a. Sara Blackhurst, President of Action 22 gave a presentation on Action 22. Sara came on board in late May of 2017. She is the 5th director in 2 ½ years. First thing she did was ask questions. What is it we can do that no one else can do. The organization is reimaged. They have had great success in the past year and a half (the passing of both broadband bills SB2 and HB 1099). Everything they do has an outcome in mind. They held a summit for broadband and invited legislators to it. As a result, they were able to get something done. They invited both gubernatorial candidates to visit with the Action 22 Board of Directors. Walker Stapleton accepted the invitation and was kind enough to take questions while he visited with the Board on the most pressing issues facing the Action 22 area. The most memorable response came when he was asked what we lose as a state if we lose rural Colorado. “When you think about who we are as a State, what makes us unique, and why Colorado is our home, we picture rural Colorado; our mountains, farmlands and history. There is no denying Coloradans are passionate about the outdoors. If we lose rural Colorado we lose our identity as a State.”

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Action continues to work on issues such as Workforce and asbestos. A handout was given out on their position on eight of the Ballot Measures coming up for vote this year. Sara discussed why they took the position they did on these ballot measures. Action 22 represents 22 counties in southern Colorado. They are the voice, but also are a representation of the counties. They would like to do more as they did with the Broadband Summit. Bring the people who need it to the people who can fund it. They need to know what it is we want them to work on and how can they help – send our priorities to Action 22. They need more representation from the Valley counties. Questions and Answers followed.

VII. **Regular Reports:**

- a) *Rio Grande County* – Continuing to work on the budget. The vault system was ordered for Summitville and should be in place soon. The Jail nurse is already reducing the number of visits to the hospital.
- b) *Del Norte* – Still moving forward on the water and sewer project and working on their budget.
- c) *South Fork* – their whole focus has been on the water system - trying to acquire the existing water systems.
- d) *Saguache* – Town of Saguache is working on their new school and water system. They have a new board. Crestone is working on their downtown restoration.
- e) *Alamosa* – Courthouse grand opening is October 19th. This is your opportunity to see behind the scenes. They have a new airport manager. Still looking for a Road and Bridge Director.
- f) *SLVSBDC* – Held a meet and greet at the Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce. He is happy to meet with other towns just let him know.
- g) *SLVDRG/COG* – San Luis Valley Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is doing their 5-year update. They need us to come up with a few goals and action plan.

VIII. **Next Meeting:** November 13, 2018, Windsor Hotel, Del Norte.

IX. **Program:** Annual Economic Update

X. **Adjourn:** Approved after motion and second at 8:09.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Robinson