

Regular Meeting Minutes | Tuesday, July 10, 2018 | 7:00 a.m.

The Windsor Hotel | Del Norte

**Attendees:** Tom Slade, Tom Monaco, Dan Hicks, Arlene Harms, Carmen Simone, Marty Asplin, Pam Bricker, Larry Crowder, Suzanne Bothell, Lyndsie Ferrell, Traci Holmes, Linda Robinson, Nancy Schrader, Suzanne Benton, Joelle Boos-Medina, Andrea Oaks-Jaramillo, Ken Hemko, and Bonnie Asplin.

- I. **Call to Order** 7:17 by Tom Slade
- II. **Present Agenda:** M/S by Pam Bricker/Nancy Schrader; approved
- III. **Minutes of the June 12, 2018 meeting:** M/S for approval with Next Meeting Date corrected to read July 10, 2018 by Susanne Bothell/Suzanne Benton; approved
- IV. **Comment about Financials:** Tom Slade announced that the treasurer's report would no longer be presented and any member who wished could get information from a Board Member or Linda Robinson.
- V. **Director's Report:**
  - a. Worked with Del Norte Trails Showcase. Spent time with writers and publishers promoting Rio Grande County and San Luis Valley. More articles are being generated due to the Showcase. Handed out maps of Penitente Canyon, San Luis Valley and Work Creek Ski Area plus other promotional material.
  - b. Attended grand opening of The Trading Post.
  - c. Interviewed Rio Grande National Forest about the drought and their fire procedures. Put articles in the newspapers and on Facebook that the Valley is open for business as usual.
  - d. Continue work on 2018 Economic Summit coming up August 6<sup>th</sup> at Adams State. Sponsors are in place and registration can be done online.
- VI. **Business:**
  - a. The Program Schedule is complete for the entire year with the exception of December.
  - b. Update on action for Drought and Business in SLV. The Board took a lot of action on this. Our highways are open again and should be business as usual as long as we keep spreading the word. So far 107,000 acres have burned and 132 structures have been lost. The fire is 70% contained.
  - c. Example of Economic Development: 2018 Economic Summit is an example of the whole valley working together.
- VII. **Program:**

Arlene Harms, CEO Rio Grande Hospital did a presentation on the hospital expansion. She began her presentation on the history of the hospital which opened in 2004. She explained that in order to expand services they needed to expand the hospital. They started the process in 2016 with applications for funding. In 2017 the Architect Contract went to Heery and the GC Contract to GH Phipps. Construction began in October. They now will have three private recovery rooms for surgeries with glass fronts that allow staff to see patients in their rooms and are equipped with curtains in order to afford patients and families privacy. They will have specialty clinics with cardiology, GYN, ENT and orthopedics; a new Physical Therapy Department with gym and private exam rooms; and a full wound care department with hyperbaric chamber. The Emergency room will now have security which they didn't have before. There will be a

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waiting room only for ER; nurses stations located to view each room; and an EMS workroom. They will also have two conference rooms for education for the community. The new Outpatient Clinic is scheduled to open August 2<sup>nd</sup> with the new Emergency Room scheduled to open August 17<sup>th</sup>. On August 11<sup>th</sup> there will be a fundraiser dinner and auction "Keeping the Dream Alive". Everyone is invited.

VIII. **Regular Reports:**

- a) *Rio Grande County* – The new jail nurse starts the first of August. This will keep the inmates where they need to be to reduce the risk. The Museum flood damage has been fixed.
- b) *Monte Vista* – Participation of Taste of the Valley was very successful for the first one. Lack of participation from other cities but it was a nice community event.
- c) *Del Norte* – They got their permit so they can start forward on the lift station. Getting organized to start the sewer project. Received the permit from the water quality division which was sent to the engineers. Working to create PUD codes.
- d) *South Fork* – Their 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration on July 3<sup>rd</sup> was very successful even without fireworks. They had their largest parade ever. They are working on the new water system. Met with several state agencies in regard to this. They had a neighborhood meeting with 125 people attending.
- e) *Crestone* – Working on their downtown project with electric and fiber in.
- f) *Saguache* – They are moving forward with their school and sewer project.
- g) *SLVSBDC* – Tom Monaco is the new director for the Valley and is new to the job. He is very excited to be here and likes what he has seen. His focus is to meet people and discuss what they need.
- h) *Other* – Frontier Drive-In is in renovation.

IX. **Next Meeting:** August 14th, Mountain View, Monte Vista

X. **Program:** Ron Douglas, Local Business Assist.

XI. **Adjourn:** 8:15 a.m. all approved. Respectfully submitted, Linda Robinson