



Regular Meeting Minutes | Tuesday, January 8, 2019 | 7:00 a.m.

Mountain View Restaurant | Monte Vista

**Attendees:** Linda Burnett, Ramona Archuleta, Jim Clare, Shon Davis, Marty Asplin, Bernadette Martinez, Linda Robinson, Gene Farish, Tom Slade, Tom Monaco, Andrea Oaks-Jaramillo, Augusto Basterrechea, Bonnie Asplin, Dan Hicks, Ruthanne Johnson, Maria Aguilar, Pam Bricker, and Brenda Felmlee

**Call to Order** 7:10 by President, Tom Slade.

- I. **Present URG 2019 Board Officers:**
- II. **Present Agenda:** M/S for approval by Bonnie Asplin/Bernadette Martinez; approved.
- III. **Minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting:** M/S for approval as presented by Shon Davis/Jim Clare; approved
- IV. **Director's Report:**
  - a. SLV SBDC Workshop with Startup Colorado – Understanding small business and entrepreneurial landscape of our communities to better serve needs for services and educational programs, and the unveiling of the 2019 Educational and Outreach Programs of the SLV SBDC's "About Entrepreneurship 101" seminars, Leading Edge, and SLV Power Luncheon Series; TSJC Ag Program sessions; ASU Workshop Series and its Career Development Courses.
  - b. Attended farewell event for Dr. Carmen Simone, President of TSJC
  - c. Participated in 2018 CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies) - Team facilitated SLV DRG/COG, working out each regional EDO's goals, plans of action, timelines and benchmarks for the next five years.
  - d. Worked with Monte Vista Chamber on MountainFilm On Tour January event.
  - e. Communications with Jack Wiley about the TSJC/ASU Educational Opportunities for Growers and Decision Makers Forum, upcoming January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- V. **Business:**
  - a. One Example of E.D. – is enlargement of business. Power Zone is increasing their business to include manufacturing of equipment and sales. They expect to have 25 employees soon.
- VI. **Program:** Augusto Basterrechea, Labor and Employment Specialist with South Central Workforce Development Center in Monte Vista, spoke on what they do. The South Central Workforce is designed to help employers and employees. They want to make sure that there are other job opportunities other than Ag. Employers can list their job openings on the Workforce website which can be accessed statewide. There are no job limitations on that website. The workforce center can assist job seekers with classes to get degrees, training and tuition. Job seekers can get help with resume writing, online applications, cover letters as well as help with interviewing. The Workforce Center has a program where they will pay the employee's wages while working for employers to learn the job. After that time the employer can keep them on and pay their wages. These employers must have Worker's Compensation Insurance. The Work Force can prescreen and test to make sure that prospective employees have the skills or endorsements that the employer is seeking at no cost to the potential employer.
- VII. **Regular Reports:**



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- a) *Rio Grande County* – N/A
- b) *Monte Vista* – Linda Burnett, President of the M.V. Chamber of Commerce, reported that the MountainFilm on Tour will be held January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Vali Theater. There will be a social hour with a silent auction at the Fassett Building prior to the film.
- c) *Del Norte* – Sewer project is in the process
- d) *South Fork* – Town Administrator, Dan Hicks, talked about putting a municipal water system. They need to acquire the existing water systems before the town can apply for a drinking water loan. They are working on acquiring them now.
- e) *Mineral County, Creede/ReWACT* – N/A
- f) *Saguache County/Center/Saguache/Crestone* – Gene Farish, town attorney for Saguache and Crestone reported that they are continuing to move on their sewer project. Crestone is continuing with their street improvement project.
- g) *Alamosa* - N/A
- h) *SLVSBDC* – Tom Monaco reported that they started doing the programing. Their first Power Luncheon is in Monte Vista. The next one if February 6<sup>th</sup> in Del Norte on Customer Service. ASU is doing a big program on Customer Service. Entrepreneurship 101 is February 7<sup>th</sup> in Crestone. Trinidad State is presenting 2019 AG Program starting with AG Finance January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- i) *SLVDRG/COG* – N/A
- j) *Other* – Pam Bricker announced that the Action 22 meeting is this Friday in Pueblo.

VIII. **Next Meeting:** February 12, 2019, location to be determined, with program by Corbett Hefner, Vice President of Power Zone Equipment

IX. **Adjourn:** 8:00M/S by Bonnie Asplin/Tom Slade; Approved

Respectfully submitted, Linda Robinson