



**Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes
County Commissioners Meeting Room
January 28, 2009 at 7:30 a.m.**

Call to Order – Grant Fenton presiding

Grant Fenton called the meeting to order at 7:32a.m.

Introductions of members and guests

Members Present: Nancy Stahoviak, Darcy Trask, Grant Fenton, Randy Rudasics, Donna Howell, Sarah Fox, Wendy DuBord, Jane Blackstone, Brian Bradbury, Jeff Minotto, Marsha Daughenbaugh, Jamie Kingsbury, Brian Berry, Bill Moser, Laurie Good, CJ Mucklow

Guests: Christina Haxton, Peter Perhac, Joyce Hartless

Members Absent: Noreen Moore, Adonna Allen, Steve Moos, Tracy Barnett, Tom Sullivan, Mike Forney, Karl Gills, Audrey Danner

Staff: Sandy Evans Hall, Meagan Coates, Alli Brook

Approval of November Minutes

A motion to approve the September minutes was moved by Donna Howell and seconded by Marsha Daughenbaugh. All were in favor, no one opposed.

1. EDC Community Education

a. Forum Series – “Surviving in Tough Economic Times”

i. Feb 6 – “Good Investments in Challenging Times, Protecting Home Field”

ii. March – “Defending Your Bottom Line, Maximizing Limited Resources”

iii. April – “Where’s the Money, The Local & Regional Lending Environment”

Handout - Content and subject matter description could improve attendance, please spread the word and attend.

b. Economic Summit – “Thriving in Tough Economic Times”

Proposed schedule on last page of handout.

Sandy is working on booking speakers, talking with potential sponsors (Karl Mecklenberg with Six Keys to Success, State Governor, and more). CMC offered to help sponsor. SPRIG Toys (emerging green toy company from Fort Collins) as a lunch speaker. Jay O’Mare will discuss and show business owners how sites like Facebook might have business uses. There will also be one-on-one business counseling sessions pre-scheduled with SCORE.

Randy Rudasics would like present a one-hour slide show of information from the Economic Survival Guide statewide program (Durango, Pueblo, Grand Junction) sponsored by state agencies. This would address business survival – advance notice of how to manage and come out on the other side utilizing a Plan B and C. (Not discussing bankruptcy). This type of subject will also be addressed in the March Forum series.

Suggestion to place dynamic speaker at the end of the event.

2. Regional Outlook and Programs – 7:50 a.m.

- a. Routt County Economic Development Cooperative – Noreen Moore’s handout presented by Nancy Stahoviak. Noreen will email the EDC soon about this meeting. Please RSVP if you want to attend the meeting.
- b. Yampa Valley Partners – no report, going through a transition.
- c. Business Resource Center/SCORE – Randy Rudasics
Setting up a program for 2009 – February presentation on Principled Negotiations. Six-part leadership program on Friday mornings (Performance Evaluations, Coaching Sessions, Basic Leadership). \$600 for the whole program, \$125 per session. Details will be emailed next week. Nine attendees minimum, corporate discounts available.
- d. Craig/Moffat County EDP – Darcy Trask
Working with USDA on a grant, partnering with Craig chamber. Appreciate SCORE and Noreen’s support. Just wrote a strategic plan based on an economic assessment. Brochure handout “Earn While You Learn: The Moffat County Work and Life Skills Program” to better prepare High School students for post-graduation work.

3. 10th Annual Airline Partner’s Summit (8:30-11:30 am)

Very good speakers scheduled for today. Community interaction is very important, it’s always beneficial to attend (breakfast buffet and lots of seats!).

4. Other Updates

- **New Regional Transit Center – Wendy DuBord**
Really enhanced the regional transit, encouragement to go and see it.
- **Handout: Timber Update – Jamie Kingsbury**
The Seedhouse campground will be closed next summer. Hahn’s Peak campground will be closed this summer.
- **Transportation Solutions Process – Sandy Evans-Hall**
Working groups are done with studies and coming up with recommendations to take to the community regarding air, regional, bike/pedestrian access, Hwy 40 congestion and more. Presentations in March and February to City Council and Commissioners, and more to check prioritization. Next step would be finding funding mechanisms. Police, public works, planning have all been involved and some solutions have been very quick and accessible.

5. Adjournment

Grant Fenton adjourned the meeting at 8:12 a.m.

Future meeting dates:

Wednesday, February 25th, 2009