

Montezuma Community Economic Development Association

Minutes of the Annual Meeting on April 19, 2017

By: Leila Hanson

- In attendance: Dave Hart, Laura Marchino, Clint Rapier, Jon Callender, Chelsea Jones Jeff Weinmeister, Dr. Rick Smith, Marcy Cummins, Shane Hale, Cindi Kirkpatrick, Mark Drudge, Bill Teetzel, Mike Williams, Greg Kemp, Jill Seyfarth, Thea Chase and friend, Henk Huetink, Stephanie Moran, Melissa Brunner, Cassie Alexander, Tonya Nelson, Mitchell Toms., Larry Leonard, Haley Leonard Saunders, Robert Dobrey, F. Brooks, Teresa Malone, Jan Nelson, Steve Emrich, David Sitton, Clint Rapier, Stephanie Alderton, Steve Slagle Nancy Zimmer, Claire Attkisson, Warren Gaspar, Chris Burkett, Lana Hancock and Leila Hanson.
- Call to order: by Dave at 12:08 p.m.
- Dave opened the meeting, welcomed the participants, and outlined the flow of the annual meeting.
- Speaker: Thea Chase was introduced by Chelsea. She directs the Southwest Innovation Corridor (www.innovatesouthwest.org). Her presentation included ways in which she collaborated to effect economic development through community leadership. She will assist Montezuma County in implementing programs designed locally.
- Economic Development Specialist Report: Chelsea:
Chelsea gave an overview of the year, with Broadband and the creation on Connect 4 working with a coalition of individuals, businesses, government, and the public as the major focus for 2016. These efforts have lead to an ongoing context for future broadband expansion in the future.
She met over 80 entrepreneurs and business owners over the last 16 months, and coached them on programs and services to support them in moving forward with their enterprises.
- Adjourned: 2:00 pm.

Next MCEDA meeting: to be held Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at Axis Health Systems, from 3:00 to 4:45 p.m.