

# Montezuma Community Economic Development Association

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting on March 14, 2017

Greg Kemp, Dave Hart, Laura Lewis Marchino, Haley Leonard, Robert Dobry, Tom Maley, Clint Rapier, Tim Miller, Chelsea Jones, Mark Drudge, Sarada Leavenworth, Cassie Alexander

Call to order: by Dave at 3:08 p.m.

January and February minutes approved as amended.

One Correction: TOWN OF DOLORES top of the second sheet

Motion to approve Rob second by Tim Miller, Cassie obtain from absence

Budget- not much update on the budget, ending balance \$32,314

Motion to accept the treasure report Tim Miller, Sarada Seconds unanimous passing

Rural Jump Start Program - Drywall with industrial hemp and it doesn't mold and will be based in Colorado. Statewide and calls for the focus of Economic Development

Connect 4 Broadband: Poster child for MCEDA? There we're 5 or 6 bids and Data Safe was chosen. Using private money on this company to move forward. Dr Rick Smith he will be the face of Data Safe and has his doctorate degree. Rick Smith who works for the City of Cortez has more knowledge of fiber and knows the infrastructure. Disclosed to the city of Cortez about that. Build a good team and make this working. Agreement with Fast Track and is owned by 25% of empire electric and la plata electric. Made this strong. Community involvement.

The problem is the he says she says stuff. If we want to know what's happening attend these MCEDA meetings. Each community has their own needs and something different, we know how Towac is. As fast as the stuff moves is up to each community.

In addition to the towns meet with the perspective school boards, and that is a real program with the students.

What MCEDA can do with retain Marijuana shops? Something to look into cause there is some interest? Region 9?

Brochure – send out to the board next week for final approval and get a copy of it sent to printers and emailed out. Say to respond within a week and move it forward...

Department of labor and a lot information. Discussion of agriculture... and feedback, board meeting and the face and MCEDA and broadband and efforts. Dr Rick Smith and give an update on MCEDA for the community,

Rural Health update – was very positive and moved forward with regarding the state office. The even was fabulous and they are leading a strategic effort with education for the house and the senate for the next couple of weeks. Senator in grand junction had to pay a fine for recognizing all of us in the gallery and it was a standing ovation. It meant a lot to the hospital to have MCEDA's support

Hospital update: construction is going very well and ems is happening in June and newsletter updates, let Chelsea know and I'll send it out to MCEDA, two internal medicine candidates. Which is great. Primary care, Urology, and OB etc.

Region 9: Enterprise zone annual report, the format is the states and each of the 14 states in Colorado have to fill out something similar, what the county has done and over time.

Town of Dolores: figuring out boating in Mcphee.

The infrastructure problems if boats are in the water,

The City of Cortez: The new building, we'll have a report from the committees and what kind of information needs to be sent over to them. What would the board like the City to know or to do? What needs to go from MCEDA to the towns or city that they relay what we are doing. It is difficult to have any idea what MCEDA is doing other than what we're telling them. As a representative to the town or city is reporting back what is happening with broadband.

Let Tim know when is the next BOCC conversations on the broadband.

Mancos has some road projects going on, safety point of view and looking at engineering studies for the main street bridge.

Annual lunch with MCEDA

Private sector in small towns and the details on the bridge is having issues. The brewery is going to move, they don't know that... if the county permits them for septic.

Greg- talks about the County and sense they listed the county court house building for sale they are working on getting a grant for those inspections. Planning process for the trail from Cortez to Mancos is moving along.

Empire Electric – solar project moving forward, P&Z on board and happy, and anyone that doesn't want it can come complain and it will give us a permit of industrial use on an ag property. Apprentice line man positions opening up in a couple of months. Pushing hard right now for some cleanup on the system and revenue, push cleaning up some old stuff.

SCCC – biggest news advisory meeting, and highlighted the LPN program and an employer need. Plan and state board and it's ready to launch... nursing pathway.

Marcy is back and the last 5 years working with CCI overs services through out Region 9. She was in private practice before and now helping people with intellectual disabilities. Blue Sky formed a corporation that harvests things with cellphones and higher people with autism. Elderly people who cannot retire and what an amazing blend to use older folks and people with disabilities and making livable wage.

Cassie- banking perspective, first southwest bank is a community development financial communities. We are able to attain funds for community facilities, any help needed in our communities. The funds are for physical facility type locations... Public transportation, roads that are serving communities.

CDOT goes to the La Plata County meetings

June at the historical society

- Adjourned: 4:45 pm.