

# **REG10N**

## **Executive Committee Minutes April 22, 2010**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Jan McCracken called the meeting to order at 12.15pm.

2. **INTRODUCTIONS**

All those present introduced themselves.

Executive Committee: Jan McCracken Peter Crowell Jonathan Greenspan  
Paula Swenson Lynn Black Les Mergelman Heidi Albritton Kathy Ellis

Board Members: Pat Means Ron Henderson Gary Hansen Bill Patterson  
Jim Peak Joe Saunders Scott Harold Laura Sharpe (phone)

Staff: Paul Gray Paul Dunford Lee Bartlett Rhona Keckler Michele Gad  
Barbara Kinion Vince Rogalski Caitlin Switzer

Visitors: Nancy Sturgill Rob Smith

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS** The agenda was approved as presented, with the addition of the Bylaws item.

4. **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES of February 25, 2010**

Jan McCracken asked for approval of the minutes of February 25th 2010. Peter Crowell made the motion to approve the minutes, and Paula Swenson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

5. **OLD BUSINESS** None

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Discussion of March 25, 2010 Board Planning Retreat**

The report of the Retreat from Sue Hansen was reviewed and main points of import discussed. They are the Region 10 Mission Statement, and possible tax structure change, transit needs and potential solutions, and the addition of 'Member Reports' to the meeting agendas.

Heidi Albritton commented it is appreciated that we now have a current mission statement to give to new Region 10 Board members. Jan McCracken felt the Board needs more clarification about Region 10, especially for the constant run of new Member representatives. She suggested we could do something to invite all members to a more casual get-together. Heidi suggested an elected officials retreat, to keep current on all local governments as their budgets get worse; it could keep participation active and knowledgeable. It was suggested that it could be an annual board meeting, or perhaps one for the municipalities and one for the counties. Jan McCracken suggests we have one this year, possibly in May or June.

***Motion : Heidi Albritton moved for approval of the 'Summary of Retreat'. which was seconded by Les Mergelman. It passed unanimously.***

**b. Mission/Vision Statement Subcommittee Report**

Heidi Albritton stated that the Subcommittee had received some input from the Executive Committee members before the Subcommittee meeting, and that Montrose County commissioners and staff also submitted revised wording. Heidi felt there was a strong feeling from Montrose County about the use of the word 'acts' in the Mission Statement, perhaps suggesting that Region 10 should not "act" on behalf of its members.

Paula Swenson said that although it was not necessarily relevant for the mission statement, more mention needs to be made about programs for businesses. Jan said this needed more discussion and suggested that this input be taken back to the Subcommittee for finalization.

**c. Staff Reports**

• **Financial Report February, 2010**

Paul Gray reviewed the financial report. Les Mergelman asked about the whether there was an actual loss of \$5,000 reflected in the Underage Drinking and Drug Task Force's numbers. Paul Gray confirmed that over the two years of the project, UDDTF direct expenses exceeded revenues by a little over \$5,000.

Though allocated indirect expenses were not compensated by the UDDTF grants, Region 10 did not incur additional indirect expenses as a result of taking on the program, so that losses attributed to indirect expense did not reflect actual additional losses caused by the program. Again, overall cash losses from managing the UDDTF program for two years amounted to \$5,000.

• **AAA Director Report**

Lee Bartlett reviewed the key accomplishments. We received four proposals from new prospective contractors this year. There will be approximately \$87,000 less in the FY2011 budget than was available in the 2010 budget, principally due to lack of Recovery Act Funds next year. Lee pointed out that all state funding has to be spent each year, and that there can be carry over for Federal funding from year to year. It appears we will have a small amount of carry over in next year's budget.

• **BLF Report**

Paul Dunford reviewed the BLF's key accomplishments. There are two CDGB loans pending approval, and 1 actively in process. Jan McCracken asked if there were any CDBG loan restrictions should we receive any medical marijuana dispensary requests. Paul replied the BLF Committee had already made the decision that loans to these dispensaries were not appropriate.

Paul clarified that although the BLF is not regulated as banks are, the BLF Committee does not support loans to organizations with weak business plans. That said, we can be much more flexible than banks in determining the financial strength of potential borrowers. Region10 is not eligible for SBA loans etc, so we are limited in what we can apply for.

- **GVTPR Chairperson Report**

Vince Rogalski reviewed the March Newsletter. Safe Routes to Schools is a now a good source of dollars for local communities. The application process takes place in August, and these grants are 100% funding with no match.

Enhancement Dollars are available if there are projects engineered on the shelf 'shovel ready'. There is a lot of associated reporting, but the grants require no local match. The state has repealed making funds available for other projects through rescissions of money from previously funded projects., Any project considered must be in the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), so the GVTPR's goal is to make sure more projects are in the STIP. Our priorities remain Hwy 50, Hwy 92, Hwy 550, Hwy 62, Hwy 145.

In Transit, most of the government dollars are from FASTER, \$15 million now, with \$5 million for county hearings to advise TPRs and CDOT regions. \$10 million is at CDOT discretion. There is a new Department of Transit & Rail, and Vince is on the Interim Committee. There will be TPR input requested for the 2012-2017 funding cycle.

Jonathan Greenspan commented there is a new Greyhound route from Albuquerque to Salt Lake City, through Telluride & Montrose.

- **Executive Director Report**

Paul Gray reviewed his report. Nucla has firmly decided it is not renewing its membership. The State Unit on Aging does not support reducing services to a community because of non-payment of Region 10 Assessments, feeling that the allocation of AAA dollars should be based on need, not membership. Paul indicated he is meeting with Paonia is on April 27 to discuss their 2010 assessments. In preparation for a similar discussion with the City of Montrose, Kathy Ellis suggested having the Montrose City data separate from the county data for the presentation to the City Council on May 7.

The Regional Transit Coordinating Council Formation Group is making excellent progress, and the next meeting is on the May 8.

The Enterprise Center is at 96% occupancy and operating well.

Paul again requested a decision from the Board regarding the conversion of Region 10 from a 501C4 to a 501C3 organization. Jonathan Greenspan asked for more information to make a comparison re taxes etc. Paul explained that there is no difference in the prerogatives of councils of government under the proposed 501C3 tax designation, except that foundations, businesses, and individuals contributing to a 501C3 can claim tax credits and deductions that are not available for donations to 501C4 organizations. Paul also mentioned that most councils of government in the state carry a 501C3 designation and offer the programs and services as Region 10. Jan McCracken asked if other councils of government have converted, could we get information to support this, say from Region 9. Paul responded that the other COGs haven't converted, they chose 501C3 in the first place when they were formed.

***Peter Crowell made the following motion: Staff is directed to pursue the conversion of Region 10 from a 501C4 to a 501C3 organization, and to draft the appropriate Bylaws changes and other documentation required for the approval of the Board. The motion was seconded by Paula Swenson, and passed unanimously.***

***Les Mergelman proposed the approval of the staff reports; Paula Swenson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.***

***Les Mergelman moved that the Executive Committee endorse the change in the Bylaws regarding quorums suggested in the email from Paul Gray (appended to the end of these minutes).***

***Kathy Ellis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The proposed change will go forward to the full board.***

#### **d. Member Reports**

- Jonathan Greenspan reported that in Mountain Village there is an up-tick in construction and real estate, with some properties of \$12 million and up selling for cash. He also asked for endorsement from Region 10 for the preservation of forest environments to support recreation and create jobs, through the Forest Health Government group, also through the Historical Landscape Commission. There are grants available to restore these lands. He asked for a letter of support as a group, and from individual entities as well. Paula Swenson asked him to email this out to the counties and municipalities so they can agenda for an appropriate response.
- Gary Hansen reported all is going well in Ouray.
- Paula Swenson from Gunnison County reported they have capital projects to stimulate jobs such as waterline sewage piping, bridges, and a correctional facility.
- Joe Saunders reported that Montrose County is certainly burning ditches!
- Scott Harold reported that Olathe has new trustees, and will be appointing a new representative to the Region 10 Board.
- Ron Henderson reported that Montrose County that although public lands have value to communities as resources, further restrictions on their use can be counterproductive.
- Heidi Albritton reported that Ouray County is intending to examine its land use codes in a quieter period. Visual impact regulations, affordable housing, transit, are all current and future strategic planning needs.
- Kathy Ellis reported that Montrose city is having an orientation for new council members on Monday April 26, and there may be changes to their representation on the Region 10 board.
- Pat Means reported for Cedaredge that they have completed work on the Watershed projection plan, and are updating land use codes.
- Jan McCracken reported that Delta county revenues are down 3% from last year and right on budget. They are also doing an impact analysis.
- Vince Rogalski reported that the Hwy 50/ San Juan Bypass is being executed now.

**7. NEXT MEETINGS**

- **Regional Transit Formation Group:** May 7, 2010, 10:00 a.m. Gunnison Conference Room
- **AAA Regional Advisory Committee:** May 12, 2010, 10:00 a.m. Gunnison Conference Room
- **Board of Directors:** May 27, 2010, 12:00 p.m. Sneffels Conference Room
- **BLF Committee:** May 27, 2010, 10:00 a.m., Sneffels Conference Room

**8. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 2.25pm.