



**Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation**  
**Work Session Notes May 23, 2018**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Southwest Bank**

**Board In Attendance:** Jodi Scarpa, Neal Johnson, Don Volger, Michael Whiting, Mike Dreysspring, Laura Mijares – 11:50am

**Board Absent:** Mike Heraty, Sherry Waner,

**Staff & Guests:** Heather Otter – Region 9, Mary Jo Coulehan – chamber staff, Chris Mannara – The SUN, Jim Garrett, Gary Hedgecock – Pagosa Power House, Jennifer Smith – Intern

The work session was called to order by Jodi Scarpa at 11:03 a.m.

The work session began with a Broadband update.

- The board discussed the bids sent in response to the RFP back in January. Rich Lindblad, who is interested in bidding on the project, presented his ideas on options of how to proceed. Rich is gravitating towards working with local Internet Service Providers (ISPs). We need a strategy first then work with the “subject matter experts” and develop a plan.
- After discussion on the project coordinator the board decided that the RFP needed to be revised and re-released to be more specific. We will leave RFP open for two weeks.  
**Mary Jo will convene broadband group to revise RFP.**
- Mary Jo gave a brief update on SCAN. She has been working with Andrea and Eric from Echo IT revising the contract and will send out to USA Communications.
- We need to revise our request for funding from the Special Projects funding group. Since we are no longer needing funding for the USDA grant, Mary Jo is suggesting money for the coordinator, infrastructure including SCAN work and assistance with Hinsdale County tower project. She will put together a funding request and send it out to the board before she submits it to the “Super Group”

There were no changes to the April Work Session notes.

There were no questions or changes to the financials as presented.

The CDC has five new members: Citizens Bank of Pagosa Springs, Echo IT Consulting, and Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District, as well as two new individual members Jim Garrett and Mark Weiler.

### **Annual Meeting Recap**

- The board discussed changing the bylaws to having board offices automatically becoming authorized account signers when they take office. **This will be voted on during the July board meeting.**
- The board discussed the appointment of a new board member. There is currently one interested party, Jim Garrett. Jim gave a short talk about his interest in being appointed to the CDC board. **The appointment will be voted on during the July board meeting.**

Gary Hedgecock gave an update on the Pagosa Power House. Gary and Mary Jo are working on an SBDC Business Connectivity Blueprint 2.0 grant. The grant is due June 1. Neal mentioned the Business Quality Center at San Juan College and would be beneficial to make a contact there.

### **ED 101**

- Michael Whiting updated the board on ED 101. The initiative has been renamed ED 2020 to reflect the goals to be reached by 2020.
- They plan to inventory the current primary and secondary businesses and develop a list of potential clients from outside of Colorado.
- The CDC asked if Michael thought this group would realign with the CDC. He thought they might in a couple of years depending on the level of commitment.
- Neal Johnson appreciates the separation of entities but would like monthly updates. Michael agreed to give the board monthly updates.

### **Chamber Update**

- Mary Jo proposed a monthly newsletter. The board discussed and decided to have a newsletter every other month after the regular meeting. There will be links on the CDC website with both links to the meeting minutes and the board packets. The chamber will produce the newsletter following the regular board meetings.
- Mary Jo updated the board on grant applications. The letter of support for the SBDC Certified Business Community. The Letter of Support for Outdoor Recreation is complete. **The Letter of Support for the Film Festival Initiative will be sent out for board approval.**

**Best Grant** – Laura Mijares gave an update of the BEST grant. We received money for the Highschool safety and security updates. Nothing was granted for the elementary and middle school improvements. A group will make recommendations and bring to school on a future action.

With no further business the work session adjourned at 1:01 p.m.