**Pagosa Springs CDC Meeting Minutes**

**May 13, 2020**

**Zoom Meeting**

**In Attendance:** Jodi Scarpa, Neal Johnson, Justin Ramsey, Chris Smith, Jim Garrett, Mary Hunt, Laura Lewis-Marchino – Region 9, Mary Jo Coulehan – Administration

**Absent:** Ron Maez, Matt DeGuise

**Members Present:** Mont McAllister,Lem Tingley, Sherry Waner, Eric Hittle

**Guests:** Lisa Jensen, Mark Weiler, Loren Talley

A quorum was determined and the meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m. by president, Jodi Scarpa

Neal moved to accept the consent agenda; Jim seconded. The consent agenda was approved unanimously.

**2019 In Review**

Jodi gave a report for the CDC accomplishments for 2019

* She thanked Neal Johnson for his years of service to the CDC board. Even with his travel and teaching schedule, he has been a steadfast board member. Thank you Neal!
* Broadband:
	+ We partnered with Visionary Communications and they received state DORA Broadband grant funding. Six projects are included in this grant.
	+ The Aspen Springs Monopole project was begun and will finish in 2020
	+ We officially signed up with 811 and manage that program
	+ We have more extensive mapping of our fiber infrastructure
	+ Working on redundancy expansion, fiber expansion to Cloman, and fiber over Wolf Creek Pass
* Opportunity Zone:
	+ The community prospectus was completed for Opportunity Zone projects. Many aspects and volunteers were engaged in the project
	+ We presented in Denver at the state OZ “pitch” event
	+ We were awarded an OZ community of the year with Montrose, Colorado Springs and the state of Colorado as the umbrella organization
* We supported the development of a URA and look to support additional economic development initiatives

**Region 9 Report**

Laura Lewis-Marchino gave a report-out of some of the Region 9 work with the CDC

* Region 9 has worked closely with the CDC. See the attached report
	+ Region 9 opened a satellite office in the Bank of the San Juans and it is staffed every Wednesday.
	+ There are 11 PS loans through Region 9 and 7 Emergency loans.
	+ Manage 5 Archuleta Enterprise Zone projects
	+ Responded to over 180 inquiries in 2019 – double that of 2018.
* It is Region 9’s job to support the community’s priorities, not the personal preferences of Laura or the political aspect. Hope we have done that.
* Working with the CDC to see about hiring a part-time executive director. May be able to fund an economic recovery director

**Administrative Report**

Mary Jo gave a short report for April.

* We have been very busy withy COVID-19 business assistance consultations. We have consulted with almost 20 businesses, several of them multiple times.
* Worked with the loan committee and are contributing funds to the Region 9 Disaster Loan Fund to assist Archuleta County businesses. We loaned $7K and made another loan out of our loan funds for $6K.
* Worked with the CDC on the Strategic Plan

**2020 Strategic Plan**

Chris Smith gave a report-out on the newly completed 2020 Strategic Plan

There are 4 major roles in the strategic plan

**Job Creation**

* Attract and support business development
* promote vocational and technical careers

**Community Enhancement** – Infrastructure Focus

* Engage in economic policies
* Engage with organizations to support economic development efforts and infrastructure.

**Economic Outreach** - Business Focus

* Lead community conversations to address current and emerging economic issues and priorities
* Inspire public confidence and understanding of the CDC mission and deliverables
* Host community economic education and gatherings

**Maximize PSCDC Resources**

* Secure funding to facilitate increased direct economic services to the community
* Fund and hire a director
* Increase membership
* Promote CDC value proposition

**Election of New Board Members**

Mary Jo explained that in April, a notice was presented to the membership and public of 2 open elected board seats. Jim Garrett, who currently sits on the board would like run for another term. Sherry Waner, former board member would also like to run for a board seat. No other nominations were submitted. Therefore, with 2 open seats and 2 candidates, the membership will be voting for the slate of presented candidates. *Chris Smith moved to approve the slate of candidates, Mary Hunt seconded. The slate of candidates was approved by the membership.*

**Election of CDC Officers**

Laura moved to nominate Sherry Waner as President; Neal seconded. Sherry was elected unanimously

Jodi moved to nominate Chris Smith as Vice-President; Sherry seconded. Chris was elected unanimously.

Laura moved to nominate Jim Garrett was Treasurer; Neal seconded. Jim was elected unanimously.

Laura moved to nominate Jodi Scarpa as Secretary; Mary seconded. Jodi was elected unanimously.

Mary Jo will work on adding Sherry to the bank signature cards.

Sherry Waner expressed her thanks for being voted onto the board and as president. Jodi has done a great job and she hopes to continue the forward motion of the efforts of the CDC.

**Public Comment**

* Mary Jo thanked Loren Tally for his interest in Opportunity Zones and will welcome his input and re-engagement of the community on this important program.
* Neal thanked Jodi for her years of leadership. He also expressed his pleasure in serving on the board for 2 terms and is proud of the organization. He also wanted to thank Heather Otter with Region 9 for leading us through the Strategic Plan. Laura will pass on his and the organization’s thanks.
* Mark Weiler asked Mary Jo to re-send out his membership renewal information.
* Mont mentioned a book written by local author “d William Roberts” about a 2015 pandemic. Thought he would pass on his interest in this timely topic to others.

Jim Garrett closed the meeting

* He thanked Jodi for her service as president and her skills at engaging the members and the community interaction.
* We are in unprecedented conditions. The CDC is important more now than ever.
* We need to enhance our future and maximize the qualities that our community possesses.
* He agrees that we can and should do more. But we need community involvement. Get others to join our group. As a member – become involved and lend your voice to the future of the community.

With no further business or comments, Neal moved to adjourn the meeting; Chris seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.