

Custer County Community Economic Development Meeting
Minutes
October 29, 2007

In Attendance: Karen Crumbaker, Angela Arterburn, Charles Bogle, Kit Shy, Wanda Johnson, Dick Downey, Mike Shields, Bob Senderhauf, Robin Young, Lockett Pittman, Jim Johnson, Helen Johnson, Jan Lee, Mike Neilson, Dana Meek, Cindy Howard, Carole Custer, Brian Riley, and Kimberly Stein.

Charles Bogle gave a short recap on the upcoming Election regarding the Lodging Tax.

Karen Crumbaker shared some Grant information she had received. Extra copies were available and anyone interested in receiving additional Grant information and other items of interest along this line should let Karen know.

The four different groups designed from the State Recap broke into work sessions. This was followed by a summary update, as follows:

~**Business and Community Development** – Community Leader: Allen Butler
Those present: Charles Bogle, Kit Shy and Wanda Johnson.

Angie Arterburn stated that Dee Hoag had planned to come but was unable to make it. Dee and a few others in this committee were working on a Survey that will help decide what the community wanted as far as businesses, etc.

Charles gave a brief report regarding the Veterans Cemetery effort.

~**Natural Resources** – Community Leader: Robin Young
Those present: Dick Downey, Mike Shields, Bob Senderhauf, Robin Young, Lockett Pittman, and Brian Riley.

Brian Riley stated they were working on some different land use items.

Bob Senderhauf and Dick Downey reported on the combined meeting with the Upper Arkansas Water Conservancy District, Round Mountain Water & Sanitation, State Water Engineers Office (Pueblo), Wet Mountain Valley Water Users Association, and the United State Geological Service. A date for all entities to meet is scheduled for Friday, November 9, 2007, at 6pm in the Courthouse in Custer County. Good to have all of these entities in one meeting. All interested please come. The back up plan if the crowd is too big, the meeting will be held at the school.

~Human Resources – Community Leader: Jim Johnson

Those present: Jim and Helen Johnson

Jim Johnson gave a brief summary on the various possibilities to help bring in some continuing education for Custer County. Possibilities are in classroom courses using existing instructors. Also, we fall under the Pueblo Community District, some possibilities are transitional programs.

There are also some existing state private educational facilities that might be interested or might want to expand. Mentioned was Colorado Mountain College or Colorado Christian in Aurora.

Carole Custer brought up the possibility of working with the Workforce Development Center.

Elder Hostel program needs further research.

Need to keep abreast of the Rural Philanthropy days to be held here in 2008.

~Tourism and Marketing – Community Leader: Angie Arterburn

Those present: Angela Arterburn, Cindy Howard, Jan Lee, Dana Meek, Mike Neilson, and Carole Custer.

- 1) Lodging Tax work done; now waiting for the election.
- 2) Focus on promoting what is here.
- 3) Web site review is being done and various web sites asked to post the various links.
- 4) Working on an updated Media List.
- 5) Work on some off season seminars:
 - a) Sales Tax Seminar
 - b) Hospitality Seminar
- 6) Hold off on marketing, possibly do a marketing co-op if Lodging tax does not go through. If it does go through, check on possibility of doing a short term co-op group – need to make sure that it does not take away from what the Tourism Board is going to do.

Work the seminars as regional training seminars that will bring people in from outlying areas.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm

Next meeting: November 14, 2007, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Cliff Lanes meeting room.

Respectfully submitted by Angela Arterburn