

5 Mar 09
Upper Rio Grande Economic Development Council
Board of Directors Meeting
The Shaft Restaurant South Fork, CO

Present were Suzanne Benton, TJ Brown, Bonnie Asplin, and Marty Asplin

We discussed approaching Hew Hallock as a speaker. The thought is to have him come to Monte Vista for that meeting since it is closer to Alamosa.

Our probable strongest asset is the dissemination of information on the varied projects going on in the valley. Our membership provides a varied supply of knowledge on many ongoing and proposed ventures. Stressing this fact combined with the new webpage that has been put together make for our best offering/incentive to get returning members.

Marty will e-mail all the members who have web pages about the advantage of membership listing on our web page. Bonnie will write a letter that can accompany the new rack card in a mailing to former members so they can see what we are doing to promote the organization. We will include some of our proposed speakers such as Dr. Svaldi from Adams State, a speaker on the Mega Shed, a speaker from Xcel Energy to discuss the additions to the solar farm here in the valley, Gerald Vigil the owner of KSLV radio.

Suzanne suggested we discuss the SLVDRG Targeted Industry Money that the BOCC received and how it could possibly be used.

TJ pointed out we have more projects going on now than ever before in this region. These should be mentioned to the members at the meeting and included in the mailings. The quick list of projects is Little Wing Amphitheatre, the Rominger Airport runway expansion, the engagement of the Rail Road in the western part of the valley, the potential for large scale solar projects, the Village at Wolf Creek, and the potential for Geo-Thermal development.

Our next meeting is at Boogie's in Del Norte in Apr.

Submitted,
Marty Asplin, secretary