

Minutes
Chaffee County Transportation Advisory Board
Thursday, January 12, 2023
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Members Present: Commissioner Keith Baker, Kate Garwood, Joseph Teipel, Hank Martin, Bill Almquist, Tom Brown, Jenny Davis, Donna Rhoads, Bonnie Davis

Staff: Bob Christiansen, County Administrator, Christie Barton

Guests: Marilyn Bouldin, Molly Bischoff, CCDH, Susan Nies

I. Call to Order

Garwood called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Guest Presenter: Marilyn Bouldin
Topic: Colorado Walking College America Walks

Marilyn Bouldin introduced the Board to the Walking Action Plan she prepared as part of her participation in the Colorado Walking College sponsored by AARP and America Walks. Bouldin explained that activities of the Walking Action Plan included improvement to sidewalks, crosswalks and trails for safer walking, as well as encouraging more people to walk in the community.

It was noted that Chaffee County had been certified as a Walk Friendly Community. She encouraged the TAB to consider walkability in the multimodal plan being developed. Bouldin noted that this was especially important in consideration of the existing, and growing, number of people over 65 years of age in the County.

Bouldin provided a handout of the benefits of walking, which is attached hereto with her presentation.

II. Approval of Agenda

MOTION was made by Rhoads, seconded by Brown, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

III. Election of Officers

MOTION was made by Rhoads, seconded by Brown, to nominate the following slate of officers for 2023: Garwood, Chair; Rhoads, Vice Chair; Rombold, Secretary. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of December 8, 2022 Minutes

MOTION was made by Brown, seconded by Rhoads, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022 TAB meeting. Motion carried.

V. Commissioner's Report -- Commissioner Baker

Commissioner Baker reported on the grant opportunities in the Inflation Reduction Act at the federal level. Davis asked about progress at the County in hiring a Grant Manager to find available funding for various projects in the County. Baker said it was being worked on, a job description was being finalized and he was hoping for action within 6 - 8 weeks.

He also reported that he had written a letter to CDOT's Department of Transit and Rail (DTR) regarding the issues with Bustang Outrider service in the County. After discussion amongst TAB members and comments from citizens in attendance, it was decided that the TAB should also contact CDOT/DTR regarding the issue.

Baker added that he would reach out to State Representative and Speaker of the House, Julie McCluskey, as well.

MOTION was made by Davis, seconded by Rhoads, that TAB write a letter to CDOT/DTR regarding the issues with Bustang Outrider in the community and stating its support for the citizen issues. Motion carried, Martin against.

VI. Old Business

A. Update on Transit - Hank Martin

Martin reported on the latest vehicle purchases by the Chaffee Shuttle and discussed the support the Chaffee Shuttle had been providing to the Bustang Outrider services for riders who had been stranded by service problems.

B. Land Use Code Update

Garwood said the Citizens Action Committee for the Land Use Code update would be meeting in late January or early February to discuss the next chapters of the Zoning Code, including multimodal infrastructure to be included in developments. She said she would be working with Rhoads on the trails section.

C. Update on CCMTP Request for Proposal

Garwood reported that she and Rhoads had been working with County staff to prepare a Request for Proposal for the development of a Multimodal Transportation Plan for the County. The 2020 Comprehensive Plan listed this as the number one project to be completed as part of the "Connectivity, Mobility and Access" chapter of the Plan.

VII. New Business

A. Recommendation to Board of County Commissioners for New TAB Members

MOTION was made by Davis, seconded by Rhoads to recommend the following reappointments and appointments for the TAB to the Board of County Commissioners:

Hank Martin (Chaffee Shuttle Representative) January 31, 2026

Donna Rhoads (Southern Chaffee County Representative) January 31, 2026

William (Bill) De Lay (Northern Chaffee County Representative) January 31, 2026

Wendy Rombold (Southern Chaffee County Representative) January 31, 2025

Adrian Kuhn (Southern Chaffee County Representative) January 31, 2024

Chaffee County Public Health Representative as designated n/a

Motion carried.

B. Southern Colorado Institute of Transportation Technology (SCITT, pronounced as SKIT)

Garwood said that Brown had alerted her to the recent addition to Colorado State University, Pueblo, of a transportation institute and research center. There are very few such institutes in the country, so this was a great addition for the state. As the university is in close proximity to the County, it was recommended that the TAB keep an eye on the new institute and its offerings that may assist Chaffee County.

VIII. Other Business

A. Federal Railroad administration Solicitation for Proposals to Advance New and Enhanced Intercity Passenger Rail Corridors

Several members of the County staff and the TAB had received an email from Aaron Cook regarding a grant opportunity to conduct a scoping study regarding intercity passenger rail transit along the Tennessee Pass Corridor, which traverses Chaffee County. The TAB agreed to look into the application process.

IX. Adjournment

Garwood Adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Next Meeting: February 9, 2023