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Director's Report  
September 26, 2022

- As a result of the Strategic Planning Meeting, and after much discussion, three primary committees have been formed. Work is on-going in all three.
    - Membership Committee
      - Developed a new tri-fold marketing brochure which better defines member benefits
    - Training Committee
      - Completed Plans for The Positive Employee Program
    - Community Engagement Committee
      - Planning first Meet & Greet in Hotchkiss Oct 6 at Creamery Arts Center at 6:00 pm
      - Planning a Meet & Greet in Cedaredge at a TBD date toward the end of the October
  - Update on Industrial Parks
    - Delta Industrial Park Expansion
      - ODC will be co-developer with Uncompahgre Development Company
      - Funding in the amount of \$330,000 was received on July 7, 2022
      - The Contract to purchase the 16.7 acres was closed on July 8, 2022
      - Zoning from A-1 to Industrial has been approved
      - Sketch Plan has been approved
      - Work has begun on Preliminary Plat (Survey partially complete, boundary adjustments in process, soil samples and paving plan underway, preliminary engineering initiated, traffic study pending)
    - Gateway Property
      - County engineers completed a topographic survey.
      - A 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor has created an initial grading plan and layout of the site for potential future development including a Prospectus
      - Process to obtain an easement across BLM has been initiated (may take up to 12 months)
  - “The Positive Employee” Program
    - Training grant through Workforce Rural Consortium in amount of \$49,400 has been obtained
    - Melanie Hall, Illuminating Business Solutions, has been contracted to develop curriculum, marketing materials and present the classes
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- Initial class with Employers was held on Sept 14, 2022 with 16 attendees
- First class with Employees to be held on October 5, 2022. The class is fully enrolled
- The City of Delta requested an additional concurrent class for their employees to begin on October 5, 2022. The class is fully enrolled
- Plans are in process for a second Employer class in January, 2023 with a second Employee class beginning in February, 2023
- We have received a request from an employer to teach the class in Spanish
- Rural Jump Start
  - A potential fifth applicant has been identified. They are working to purchase a building site in the Paonia area
- Other
  - Assisted a Crested Butte business to secure warehouse storage in Delta
  - Have received several calls with interest in the old Paonia High School building in Paonia for various mixed uses