



## Director's Report

January 23, 2023

- “The Positive Employee” Program
  - The second Employer Assessment is scheduled for January 25, 2023. We have 15 Employers registered.
  - The second session of Positive Employee classes is scheduled to begin February 15, 2023. The registration deadline is January 27. Based on pre-registration it appears we will be able to offer a morning and afternoon class.
- Grant Updates – we have been working on applications for several grants:
  - A second Just Transition grant has been applied for in the amount of \$131,538. We expect to hear if the grant will be awarded by the end of this month. If received, the grant will provide funds to purchase an access lot for a potential Workforce Housing project and provide funds for additional match money for future larger grants to complete the infrastructure on the Industrial Park expansion.
  - A second Workforce Training Grant has been applied for in the amount of \$49,400 which, if received, will double the amount of the grant. The proceeds will be used to develop Spanish translation of the class, develop a Continual Learning module and develop and implement a Scalability plan. We expect to hear if the grant will be received by the end of this month.
  - An Action Grant through Economic Development Organization (EDO) working in partnership with Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) is in process with a requested amount of \$40,000 to provide funds to study the feasibility of development of a Workforce Housing project in Delta. If successful, we hope to use it as a model for other projects in the county. We expect to hear if the grant will be awarded by the end of April.
  - A \$20,000 grant through Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHAFA) is in process. If received, it will provide funds to hire a consultant to assist with site feasibility, project visioning, conceptualization and construction cost estimating. We expect to hear if the grant will be received by mid- March.

- Industrial Park Expansion –
  - We are continuing the planning process. We are presently working on two boundary adjustments with Welfelt Fabrication and DIP Company.