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## Director's Report

January 16, 2024

In addition to our normal weekly economic development activities, updates on our major projects include:

- “The Positive Employee Program”
  - We have scheduled 2 Employer overviews and 4 Employee classes for 2024
  - The first employee class will begin January 29. It is a class being held for Delta County employees and will be taught in 4 4-hour sessions rather than our normal 7 sessions. The format and material will be the same, just taught over a shorter time period
  - Our second Employee Winter class will begin Feb 7. It is filling up but we still have room for a few more attendees
  - Since inception in the fall of 2022, a total of 203 attendees have been through the program
  - Additional classes will be held in the spring and fall
  
- Quarterly Economic Update
  - A Quarterly Economic Update with Dr Perry is scheduled for Friday, April 12
  
- Industrial Park Expansion
  - Planning is just about complete
  - The two Boundary Adjustments have been approved by City of Delta. Deeds and plats are awaiting signatures and approval of the Preliminary Plat
  - A Change in Use permit has been approved by CDOT
  - The next step will be applying for construction funding
  - We hope to begin construction in 2024
  
- Workforce Housing Project
  - The access lot was purchased by Uncompahgre Development CO on May 10 for \$75,000
  - We have completed a feasibility and concept study

- Also completed are a Phase 1 environmental report, topographical survey, and soil samples
- Community Outreach meetings are scheduled to begin the end of February
  - Information obtained will be used to further design the potential project
- We are exploring potential funding sources for funding pre-planning expenses