



Director's Report from Greg Pope

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In addition to our normal day-to-day activities, some of our key activities include:

- Business Retention, Expansion and Relocation
 - Welcome new member!
 - Jennifer Thomas, United Country Realty
 - Sustainable Aviation Fuel Study-The Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Study with partners, Pitkin County, Aspen/Pitkin County Airport, Eagle County, Eagle County Regional Airport, Mesa County, GJEP, Grand Junction Regional Airport, Delta County, One Delta County has concluded. The partners concluded the project isn't feasible for the following primary reasons:
 - To use oils, which is presently the most advanced technology, if we utilized all of the crop ground in Delta, Montrose, Mesa and Garfield counties to grow oil crops, we could only produce approx. 30% of the needed product. The remaining approx. 70% would need to be shipped by rail, preferably directly to the SAF site and we don't have robust enough rail service to accomplish that.
 - To use municipal waste, a technology which is still in process of development, we would need to aggregate the municipal waste from each of the participating counties, to most likely Mesa or Delta County, and neither county was willing to be the aggregating site.
 - Although reports indicate we have sufficient forest products in western Colorado to sustain a SAF manufacturing facility, the majority of it is located on federal lands, which is a very undependable source. Also, transportation would still be an expensive and difficult issue.
 - Eagle and Pitkin counties are going to pursue the processing of municipal waste at their individual waste sites but it can only presently be processed in small and insignificant quantities. However, they will keep us informed of their progress.
 - Primary Employer Survey and Economic Impact Report- The Primary Employer Survey was completed in October and the Economic Impact Report was completed

the first week in November. The Primary Employer Report was utilized to help create the Economic Impact Report. A copy of the Economic Impact report is attached and a link to the video that was created is also attached.

- **The Economic Impact Report reflects a 2025 Economic Impact of \$50,062,100**
- **Every \$1 invested in One Delta County in 2025, generated \$326 in Economic Impact**
- **ODC created a 5 year (2021-2025) Economic Impact of \$131,128,154**

Both reports were presented at the One Delta County Annual Meeting at The Grove on November 14, 2025, to a sold-out crowd.

- New Business

Congratulations to Delta County start-up business, Pathways Services, owned and managed by Leigh Anne Suppes. Pathways was sponsored by One Delta County and recently approved in the Colorado Rural Jump Start Program. They provide pre-trial and diversion services and consult with municipalities within the 7th Judicial District.

We are also working closely with a Delta County technology start-up business that may qualify for the Colorado Rural Jump Start Program.

- Potential Prospects

We continue to work closely with an out-of-state manufacturing company who wants to relocate to Delta County. They have a contract on real estate and hope to be moving in the first half of this year. In addition to the commercial real estate and construction, they will be investing in several other capital expenditures.

- Industrial Park Expansion

- We believe we are nearing approval of the Delta Business Park by the City of Delta. Financing has been secured and we plan to solicit construction bids in February. A spring 2026 construction start is anticipated.

- Workforce Housing Project

- An application is in process for a sketch plan hearing with City of Delta Planning Commission to submit a PUD for the 7th St Workforce Housing project in March.