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BOARD OF DIRECTORS FALL GRANT PRESENTATION WORKSHOP

Date and Time: 2:30 pm on Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Location: Home Loan State Bank Community Room

Attendees:

Quint Shear
Craig Springer
Bobbie Daniel
Matt Rosenberg
Troy Ward
Jesse Stanford
Kari Sholtes
Orin Zyvan
Chance Ballegeer
Katherine Boozell
Matt Diers

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order at 2:25 pm.
- II. General Public Comment.
 - a. D. Reimer shared the grant presentation format. Each presenter will be allowed 5 minutes to present. She will hold up the sign at the 1-minute remaining mark. If the board has any questions, they will ask after the presentation. Thank you all for being here.
- III. Presentations by Fall 2025 Grant Cycle applicants:
 - a. Traditional Grants:
 - i. 2025-FT-01 Town of De Beque Engineering for De Beque River Park
 1. Requesting \$157,799
 2. Presenters Katherine Boozell and Care McInnis
 3. The total project cost is \$315,599 The Town of De Beque seeks funding to complete advanced engineering for its 24.4-acre River Park, located along the Colorado River and accessible from Roan

Creek Road, near I-70 and US 6 Building on community-supported concepts (UTAP, 2022–2023), this phase will produce build-ready plans that ensure safety, accessibility, and long-term performance. Scope includes: entrance improvements with Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) access permitting, surveying, and utility locates; geotechnical investigations and civil design for the pavilion and parking areas to support community use and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access; detailed survey and structural design for an amphitheater suitable for events; riverbank stabilization and boat ramp planning, coordinated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Colorado Parks & Wildlife, to protect riparian habitat and provide safe river access; and site planning and structural design for an arboretum that advances ecological restoration and education. Deliverables include stamped plans and specifications, an opinion of probable construction cost, and permitting packages. Completing this work will advance the River Park from concept to construction readiness, creating a safe, environmentally responsible, and accessible public space that strengthens riparian health, expands recreation opportunities, and supports local economic vitality for residents and visitors.

b. Mini Grants:

- i. 2025-FM-01 Gateway UnawEEP Fire Protection District Motorola XTS Replacement Project
 1. Requesting \$45,982
 2. No presentation
 3. Update Gateway-UnawEEP Fire District's emergency responders' communication reliability with new critical equipment. Gateway-UnawEEP Fire district is proposing the replacement of 10 antiquated hand held Motorola XTS 2500 radio units for 10 more reliable and more powerful Kenwood VP8000 handheld units.
- ii. 2025-FM-02 Town of Palisade Police Department K9 Public Safety Program for Schools & Community
 1. Requesting \$45,000
 2. Presenter Chief of Police Jesse Stanford
 3. This program will be directly tied to our School Resource Officer. The K9 Unit works to provide safety to 1,200 students and staff at Palisade High School and 400 students and staff at Taylor Elementary. The program provides a trained police service dog, specialized equipment, and operational support. The K9 Officer

provides service for narcotics detection, tracking missing people, tracking suspects, student safety, and emotional support for students.

- iii. 2025-FM-03 Caprock Academy Safety & Security Program
 - 1. Requesting \$50,000
 - 2. Presenters Chance Ballegeer and Matt Diers
 - 3. Caprock Academy is preparing upgrades to its Safety and Security across campus. This includes improving communication between teachers and administration with updated, long-range, better frequency radios, ensuring faster response to incidents. The CCTV system will be expanded to cover all areas of campus plus enhancing other areas that need additional coverage, like the gymnasiums. Secondary buildings to have classroom door upgrades to have windows. Vinyl Wrap on perimeter classroom windows to protect students from outside view. Finally, adding AEDs in locations where access is currently limited, such as the high school wing, the soccer field, and computer lab wing, to ensure lifesaving equipment is available when and where it is needed.
- iv. 2025-FM-04 Chipeta Elementary School District 51 Park Water Fountain, Shade and Locks
 - 1. Requesting \$50,000
 - 2. Presenters Kari Sholtes and Orin Zyvan
 - 3. Chipeta Elementary is asking for a grant to fund a water fountain, shade structure, and automatic gate locks. These critical components were identified as high priorities through a multi-year community-led and community-driven process.
- c. Unscheduled Business.
 - i. D. Reimer said that concludes all the presentations. Everyone is invited back to the next meeting on October 15th when the board will see scores and then award grants.
 - ii. Q. Shear said thank you to everyone.
- d. Workshop closed at 3:11 pm.