At the regular meeting of the NE Colorado Association of Local Governments on Dec. 21, the board approved the 2013 overall budget totaling $6,171,649, an increase of $382,480 over the approved 2012 budget.

It was also moved to name HJ Greenwood as NECALG executive director following eight months serving as interim in that position.

Additional work in overall program management and delineation of responsibilities within NECALG will continue over the next few months.

In other business, the board approved changes to the “Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy,” or CEDS, and the associated final report for submission to the Economic Development Administration as the final step in the regional request for designation as an “Economic Development District.” The plan will now go through several review processes on the federal level with a final decision on designation anticipated in six to nine months.

Further, a desk audit was received from Aging and Adult Services where no findings were reported; ratification of a sub-contract between NECALG and Boulder County where Boulder Weatherization Program would serve as a vendor to help increase the rate of production in the Weatherization Program; a contract amendment was approved that could extend a Weatherization under the “ARRA” funding for an additional three months if the program is extended on the federal level; discussed options for fund transfers as it relates to several grant-based bank accounts and need for cash-flow; as well as discussed possible modifications to personnel policies.

The next meeting scheduled is Jan. 16 where the board officers will be set following elections for the 2013 term.

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