



**Carbon Community Economic Development Board  
Regular Meeting  
May 18, 2023 3:00 PM  
751 E 100 N Suite 2600 Price, Utah 84501**

**Board Members Present:**

Layne Miller  
Leif Nelson  
Larry Jensen  
Jon Richens  
Zak Konakis

**Board Members Absent:**

**Others Present:**

Shanny Wilson  
Tiffany Brabant

**Meeting Minutes**

**1.) Welcome and Roll Call by Layne Miller**

**2.) Review and possible approval of meeting minutes from April 20, 2023**

**Motion: Leif**

**Second: Zak**

**Approved**

**3.) Assurance Contract update from Alaska Guide Creation**

In the April meeting, it was recommended that Alaska Guide produce an assurance contract. Shanny reached out to Zak and offered to help him create the contract as promised. To date, no such contract exists. Zak reached out to Shanny and expressed his hesitation and concerns regarding liability. Zak stated that while he is grateful for the opportunity, he's a little hesitant with being held

liable because he cannot predict what will happen. His goal is to move forward as planned and will do everything he can to make it happen. We've done our part by telling them what we expect. This project is not clean anymore, and now they're purchasing three lots, one of which will be used in the future. Another concern is their cash match, since they haven't done anything in two years where is it? Land use isn't within the scope of this grant. Shanny suggested to the board that instead of having Alaska Guide do an assurance contract, we have them resubmit their grant application with a more detailed timeline and explanation of their new plans. The board agreed. Shanny will reach out to Zac and let him know.

**Motion to ask Alaska Guide Creation to resubmit their grant request no later than one week before our the next meeting, which is June 8th: Leif**

**Second: Jon**

**Motion Passes**

#### **4.) FY2023 Rural County Grant updates**

Due to the change from their original submission, Ori Designs has been asked to resubmit their application with their new plan. Shanny is in the process of updating the grant spreadsheet and submitting P.O's for applicants who have already completed their project contracts and submitted receipts.

The grant has created upwards of 40 to 80 (40 being the lowest and 80 the highest) additional jobs for the County. Layne and Shanny made phone calls to those who received funding for the third cycle. It was a great experience. There were 27 applications and 20 of them received some funding. The total amount requested was \$632,430.92 and the total approval amount was \$210,000.00.

#### **5.) FY2023 Rural County Grant Discussion, debrief, and/or suggestions**

The board discussed what needs to be changed and improved for 2024.

Tentative dates were discussed as to when we should open the application to the public, it was suggested we open it up either October 1st, or November 1st and close it at the end of December or January, 2024. This way we could award in March. There will need to be more discussion on the opening dates before it can be confirmed. The board likes the idea of going back to one longer cycle and keeping the scoring rubric. They also like the idea of inviting applicants to attend our meeting and give them a few minutes each to talk about their vision and answer questions. Possibly add a few more targeted questions in the application and help applicants fill out the information. We need to focus on what's going to be the best for our community. Shanny will reapply for the grant as soon as it opens October 1st.

## **6.) Economic Update**

An application was turned in to Congressman Curtis' Office for 2.85 million to help with land purchase for SCS.

Progress is being made at the Airport.

Carbon County will be taking the lead on next years' legislative ask for infrastructure. It's looking better and better.

The Governor visited Carbon County. He spent some time at the Carbon High and then went to Ridge Road with the Commissioners. He said he will have conversations to help address our power concerns.

Wellington Microtech is still short on money, but would like to move forward.

SCS is moving forward, they are working on permits. They would take care of the water issue, it's approximately an \$8 million dollar deal, but the County suggested PRWID be the ones to take on that project. Power for SCS would cost upwards of 42 million, but that would only supply their needs.

Blue Sky is still lacking natural gas to accommodate more units. They currently have 2 and would like 10.

Shanny submitted a proposal to UAMPS for a Natural Gas plant out on Ridge road.

The county is looking into hiring a professional grant writer or grant writing company from Salt Lake City to help engage and pursue Federal Grants.

Rocky Mountain Power has very little power available to the County. They are only focusing on one project at a time to obtain capacity needs. The County is trying to explain to them that this is a regional problem that needs to be solved.

We plan to meet with Sitla and see if they would partner with us because they own a right of way that the power line would need to go through. The County can't pay for it, but we are diligently working on locating grant and state money to help with the project.

## **7.) Other Business**

None at this time

## **8.) Adjourn**

**Motion: Leif**

**Second: Zak**

**Approved**

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Layne Miller, Board Chair