

**SOUTHEASTERN UTAH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
 SEUALG Board Room
 375 South Carbon Avenue, Price, UT 84501
 March 23, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF	GUESTS
Mayor Danny Van Wagoner via Rick Davis Mayor Bayley Hedglin (V) Mayor Joette Langianese (V) Shanny Wilson August Granath (V) Stuart Clason (V) Mayor Michael Kourianos Lynn Sitterud Greg Dart Bill Winfield Commissioner Bruce Adams Collette Cox (V) Patrick Mullen (V) Elaine Gizler (V) Keith Heaton (V) David Johnson (V) Larry Ellertson (V) David Johnson (V) Patrick Mullen (V)	Geri Gamber Jade Powell Jamie Johnson LuEssa Averett Vikki Ori Kim Wells (V)	Merlin Rushton Forest Turner

1. APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the amended agenda by Mayor Michael Kourianos and seconded by Mayor Bayley Hedglin. The amended agenda was unanimously approved by: Mayor Michael Kourianos, Mayor Danny Van Wagoner via Rick Davis, Commissioner Lynn Sitterud, Mayor Joette Langianese, Commissioner Bill Winfield, Mayor Bayley Hedglin, Commissioner Bruce Adams, Shanny Wilson, August Granath, Elaine Gizler, Stuart Clason, Greg Dart, Zach Whitwell, David Johnson, Merlin Rushton.

2. MOTION: REVIEW AND APPROVE SEUEDD BOARD MINUTES

Commissioner Bruce Adams called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2023 SEUEDD Board Meeting. Zach Whitwell made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Mayor Mike Kourianos. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Bruce Adams called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Greg Dart made a motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Bill Winfield. The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

3. MOTION: REVIEW AND APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Bruce Adams called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Greg Dart made a motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Bill Winfield. The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

4. INFORMATION / UPDATE: REGIONAL GROWTH PROGRAM

Stuart Clason and Patrick Mullen provided an update on the Regional Growth Association Nonprofit. Stuart announced the creation of the association as well as the non profit designation, a board has been assembled and is working toward building informational content around the organization. Stuart invited Patrick to comment on his efforts in building out private investment strategy. Patrick stated that one of the primary goals of the board is to further the connections and investments from private groups that are interested in supporting growth. Feedback from potential investors have included requests for blueprints as well as a list of short, medium, and long term goals for the association. Patrick suggested assembling a slide show or executive presentation to expedite the process and highlight the more challenging barriers that our rural communities are facing. Pursuing the Build Back Better grants has brought our region to the forefront as a lucrative area for economic development. As larger corporations and lenders are looking for areas to invest, having a detailed proposal and strategic plan will entice investors to more seriously consider our area a region of economic opportunity. Stuart invited Geri Gamber to add additional comments, Geri declined stating that Patrick sufficiently provided all necessary information.

Jade Powell recognized Stuart on his recent award to represent Carbon and Emery County on the BRECC Coalition (Building Resilient Economies & Coal Communities). 20 people nationally were selected for this position; we hope that this can draw attention to our community on a national level. Stuart thanked Jade and expressed his excitement to collaborate with communities with similar struggles while sharing validation and successes.

5. CARBON COUNTY AVIATION CAMPUS PROJECT

Jade provided an update on the Carbon County Aviation Campus Project. This project has been submitted to the EDA, been reviewed, and looks “normal”. At the previous meeting, Jade had been drafting this project proposal.

Bruce Adams expressed his appreciation for the partnership that Utah State University has provided for our rural area.

6. COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Jade Powell provided updates on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The first CEDS meeting has been conducted and all previous SWOT analysis has been completed. The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2023. Jade reminded everyone that most members that comprise the SEUEDD board also sit on the CEDS board and encouraged all individuals to continue their participation during those meetings whenever possible. The current

goal for CEDS is to compose a draft by mid-June, work out any issues over the following months before the submittal date in September 2023.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Lyn Sitterud and seconded by Mayor Bayley Hedglin. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.

LuEssa Averett

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Chairperson