CARBON COUNTY UTAH

Carbon Community Economic Development Board
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2023 3:00 PM
751 E 100 N Suite 2600 Price, Utah 84501

Board Members Present:
Layne Miller
Leif Nelson
Larry Jensen
Zak Konakis
Jon Richens

Others Present:
Shanny Wilson
Tiffany Brabant

Meeting Minutes

1.) Welcome and Roll Call by Layne Miller

2.) Review, discuss, and approve previous meeting minutes from June 15, 2023 - Layne Miller

Motion: Leif
Second: Larry
Approved

3.) Rural County Grant Recipient Report(s)
Intermark Steel - Leif gave a tutorial on the new laser guided fabrication machine that was purchased. Two lasers are mounted on the ceiling that project on the table exact measurement, instead of laying it all out. The purpose of this machine is to expedite the fabricating process while maintaining near perfect precision. This will allow more room

for future bids which will create more employment. A part time college student was recently hired. Intermark steel has found a market to bid on specific jobs that large manufacturers tend to lose money on. By doing so, they are far more efficient and much faster in their production. This new Laser machine will accelerate production and allow for competitive bidding.

4.) Update on Rural County Grant 2023 County report - Shanny
Shanny stated she made contact with recipients to remind individuals to attend a meeting once their project is complete. At this time, three recipients have scheduled to attend over the next few months.

10 of the 20 projects have been funded. Shanny is currently working on a spreadsheet for her report when she submits it to the state. The report will outline how much money was spent, who received the funds, what the project consisted of, what has been spent so far, and how much we plan to spend in the coming months.

Jake Ori (Phase 1) - The Board asked Jake to submit the first part of the application to detail his new official plans. They had to scale back their project because of funds. Jon was concerned about the incomplete application, but he did what we asked him to do. Shanny will attach the new part of the application with the original documents. Zak stated this submission seemed more logical as compared to the original request.

5) Continued conversation on the Rural County Grant process moving forward - Board
The board was concerned with the $60,000 that was voted back into circulation the previous meeting. The funding can stay where it's at for future projects. After mutual discussion, it was decided to hold on to the money until the next round of funding, possibly for a larger project that has merit. The new cycle will open immediately and close December 1, 2023. This will allow the board to have ample time to review applications in a timely manner to begin awarding in February. It also gives us a chance to ask for clarification should we need it and stop by to visit some of the businesses.

Motion to open application process for next year immediately and close on December 1, 2023.

Motion: Leif
Second: Zak
Pass

6.) Economic Update - Larry

The appropriations request that was turned in to Congressman Curtis' office for 2.85 Million to help purchase property was approved through Congress. It still needs to be approved through the Senate, but . The County committed 1.4 Million to add to this money in order to purchase property. The County has approached the landowners with an offer to purchase 3 parcels of land. A total of 307 acres with 500 shares of reservoir water, and 50 shares of high water. The landowners have accepted the County's offer. There is a gentleman who has the first right of refusal on any offer. This gentleman is not intending to buy the land. This property is east of the Rail Spur.

SCS would produce hydrogen from coal and fertilizer. If there is a community buy in, it helps with their financing. This is why the County has been trying to acquire the land. SCS investors have been reluctant to finance since they learned this project is coal based, which leaves SCS discouraged. They are currently trying to locate other means of financing.

Clean Development International is a company looking to move to the area. They intend to take corn husks and produce Ethanol. They will load it on trains, 40 cars a week, and extract methane from the waste. This company would like to locate on the west side of the rail. They are in conversation with the rail, Savage, and SITLA. They would need to expand rail. Clean Development International still has to find a solution for the waste they create.

Wolverine fuels:The last money they were able to locate came from South Korea. Funding is becoming a real problem.

Wellington Microtech is still aggressively moving forward. They have struggled with locating financing. They are looking at two options. One is called C-PACE which will allow the property to have an additional tax added to it. The other option is to borrow money from the Utah Inland Port Authority. The only concern is, the port will create the project area and a portion of the tax will go back to them. They are however, becoming more flexible with tax proportions to the county.

Blue Sky is closing their operation. There isn't enough refuse coal to keep their doors open.

Soldier Creek Mine is being reclaimed.

Lila Mine is in the Reclamation process. They have shipped out 4 trains. The next checkpoint will be the first part of September and they will look at restarting a long wall afterwards.

The next priority will likely be the reuse of the effluent water from the Sewer plant. A facility needs to be built that would add some capacity to store water. The cost will be around 8 Million.

7.) Other Business - None at this time

8.) Adjournment
Motion: Leif
Second: Zak
Approved

Approved Layne Miller

Layne Miller, Board Chair