

SOUTHEASTERN UTAH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
SEUALG Board Room
252 S Fairgrounds Rd., Price, UT 84501
February 22 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF	GUESTS
Mayor Michael Kourianos	Geri Gamber	Patrick Morrison (v)
Commissioner Tony Martines (v)	Jade Powell	Trent Jackson (v)
Mayor Danny Van Wagoner	Julie Rosier	CIB (v)
Commissioner Lynn Sitterud (v)	Paula Ingram	Keith Heaton (v)
Commissioner Bill Winfield	Kim Wells (v)	Ben Muhlestein (v)
Commissioner Bruce Adams	Camille Otto (v)	Joel Brown (v)
Zac Whitwell	Vikki Ori (v)	Cory Shurtleff (v)
Mayor Joette Langianese	LuEssa Averett (v)	Forest Turner (v)
Merlin Rushton	Summer Clark (v)	Jamie Harvey (v)
Elaine Gizler (v)	Lacee Myers	
Tiffany Brabant for Shanny Wilson	Colton Judd (v)	
Mayor Bayley Hedglin (v)		
Stuart Clason (v)		
Doug Miller		

1. MOTION: Approval of SEUEDD Agenda, if applicable - Chair

Commissioner Bruce Adams called for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motion made by Mayor Michael Kourianos . Second by Commissioner Bill Winfield. The amended agenda was unanimously approved.

Roll call vote was taken to establish a quorum, quorum was established.

2. MOTION: SEUEDD Consent Agenda - Chair

Commissioner Bruce Adams called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion made Commissioner Bill Winfield . Second by Mayor Danny VanWagoner. The consent agenda items were unanimously approved.

a. Approval of SEUEDD Board Meeting Minutes from December 14 2023

Commissioner Bruce Adams called for a motion to approve the Minutes for 12/14/2023. Motion made by Commissioner Bill Winfield . Second by Mayor Danny VanWagoner. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. DISCUSSION / MOTION: Items Pulled From Consent Agenda - Chair

Commissioner Bruce Adams called for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion made by Richard Lory for Mayor Joette Langianese . Second by Commissioner Tony Martines. The consent agenda items were unanimously approved.

4. MOTION: IWG - Emery County Grants - Lauren Huntsmen & Others

- Emery County Citizens are in favor of these grants.
- There has been some expressed opposition and that is not what Emery County wants as one person has stated.
- Grants are critical to function during transition and help understanding to get ahead of the game.
- The Emery/Carbon Economic Development Board is in support of the work you do for Emery County.
- We would like to ask the board to be more instrumental to Emery County by sending letters of support.
- We want the community to know we value this SERDA team and this board.
- Address the MOU and make sure its lived up to.

Commissioner Bruce Adams called for a motion to approve the approval of the Emery County

Grants made by Commissioner Bill Winfield. Second by Mayor Danny VanWagoner.

The Emery County Grants was unanimously approved.

5. INFORMATION/ MOTION- Federal Railroad Administration / Corridor Identification Funding Program - Geri Gamber, Jade Powell, & Lacey Meyer

- There is a grant opportunity at the federal level.
- This would mean more Amtrak stops.
- This is the 1st step to planning.

- NOFO grant hasn't dropped yet but we want to take advantage of planning dollars.
- Bill Winfield commented, they contacted me and I referred them to SERDA
- They are also working with other AOG's and the regional council.
- The study will also help us to know if there are enough riders to be worth it.

Commissioner Bruce Adams called for a motion to approve applying for the Corridor Identification Funding Program made by Mayor Danny VanWagoner. Second by Commissioner Bill Winfield. The funding program was unanimously approved.

6. INFORMATION: Healthy Utah / Healthy Communities Roadshow - Geri Gamber

- Reached out to UCLT, the roadshow has been traveling throughout the state.
- This will take place in Price for all the regions on April 29th 2024

7. INFORMATION / MOTION: Regional Recreational Councils - Patrick Morrison & Jade Powell

- Utah strategic plan for Utah recreation.
- 19 million a year between five councils
- 2.5 million to Grand County for the Colorado river last year.
- Stateside we want to work as facilitators bringing the agenda and then having ranking committees and hopefully have it spread across the state.
- Scope of the work is to have a robust program for recreation/ help the regions with growth.
- Input was given that San Juan needs to be in the same council as Grand County.

Commissioner Bruce Adams called for a motion to approve the regional recreation council made by Commissioner Bill Winfield. Seconded by Mayor Danny VanWagoner. The recreational council was unanimously approved.

8. MOTION: Industrial Assistance Account Application - Jade Powell

- Fund that is funded through GOYO
- We received \$600,000 from rural communities opportunity grant and we are applying for \$400,000 to make the 1 million shortfall it didnt project the accurate cost to build that hanger and classrooms.

Commissioner Bruce Adams called for a motion to approve the Industrial Assistance Account Application by Commissioner Bill Winfield. Seconded by Mayor Danny VanWagoner. The recreational council was unanimously approved.

9. INFORMATION: DOE Update (Energywerx & CLEAP) - Jade Powell

- We applied for two opportunities , **Energywerx** has been awarded.
- Publish request for publication.
- **CLEAP** was applied for in December there was a question on eligibility, we are having an interview.
- We are thinking that if they didn't want to award us with it or they would have kicked us out already.
- They are questioning our eligibility on our energy burden index.

10. INFORMATION: Federal Delegation Listening Session / March 19-20, 2024 - Jade Powell

- We were approached by Mayor Peterman of Helper and the group United Today Stronger Tomorrow to host a listening session with the Federal Partners.
- We have sent out a request for all of you to attend on our invite list.
- Some of the items we will be talking about is larger grants that we have not been approved for and we are wanting the know how to be successful in receiving these grants.

11. MOTION: Rural Communities Opportunity Grant / Carbon Aviation Grant - Jade Powell

- We applied in October and we were denied, however when we found out about the shortfall.
- Director Brian Starks of GOYO made the executive decision to override the denial and approve us to the \$600,000 for the aviation program.
- The grants are coming through SERDA but then will be given the Carbon County for the hanger.

Commissioner Bruce Adams called for a motion to approve the Rural Communities Opportunity Grant by Commissioner Bill Winfield. Seconded by Merlin Rushton. The recreational council was unanimously approved.

12. MOTION: Grant Writer Proposal - Jade Powell

- Moving forward with the grant writer,
- Rocky Mountain Power has committed \$30,000
- Carbon County has committed \$10,000
- SERDA has committed \$25,000 cash and \$25,000 in time.
- We applied with Rural climate partnerships \$100,000 for San Juan, Grand, Carbon and Emery, if we live up to the outcome it can be yearly granted.

Commissioner Bruce Adams called for a motion to approve the Grant Writer Proposal by Commissioner Bill Winfield. Seconded by Mayor Danny VanWagoner. The grant writer was unanimously approved.

13. INFORMATION: Utah Regional Growth Association Update - Stuart Clason & Jade Powell

- We are working on filling the gaps around the airport.
- GOYO recognizes the work.
- We have filled out our board members and we believe we have formed a great board.
- Kent Wilson, Geri Gamber, Stan Sommers, Roger Kilpack, Jeremy Lund, Karen Hale, Carlson Christensen, Jer Howa, CEO of Stoderail Rail.
- Lacey and I have worked with the company IE with **Other Side Academy**, bringing individuals from incarceration to re-enter into the workforce.

14. INFORMATION: BEAR Update - Jade Powell

- Staffed it with the current executive team of BEAR to grow and expand into SanJuan, Grand.

15. MOTION: Adjournment - Chair

**Commissioner Bruce Adams called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Zac Whitwell .
Second by Doug Miller.**