



**Carbon Community Economic Development Board
Regular Meeting
April 16, 2024 10:00 AM
751 E 100 N Suite 2600 Price, Utah 84501**

Board Members Present:

Layne Miller
Jon Richens
Larry Jensen
Oran Stainbrook

Others Present:

Shanny Wilson
Tiffany Brabant
Dickson Morley and son Hyrum
Ruben and Katherine Lopez
Chad Greenhalgh

Remote: Asia Dutson

Meeting Minutes

1.) Welcome and Roll Call - Layne Miller

2.) Review, discuss, and approve previous meeting minutes from March 19, 2024 - Layne Miller

Motion: Jon

Second: Larry

Approved

3.) Rural County Grant 2023 recipient report(s) -

Ruben's BBQ, Ruben and Katherine Lopez - Received \$8,000 in 2023. The grant money went towards repairs to the building they moved into and new equipment. Over the past year the restaurant has reduced employees from 21 to 6. They are only open 2 days a week (Thursday and Friday) for lunch and dinner, as customers don't come in as often. Thursdays are free game nights. With summer approaching, they will be continuing with their pop-up events. America's Best Restaurant will also be coming to

feature them. They are struggling to get local business. Ruben stated he believes 60% of his business is Tourism based.

Tram Electric, Chad Greenhalgh - Opened in 1981 repairing mine equipment. Since then they have expanded into salt, gold, copper, power generation, electrical repair, and sales. They now have multiple locations. Tram Electric has faced some of the same challenges as other businesses. More employees are wanting to work with more advanced technology. October of 2023 Tram Electric applied for the grant to purchase a Digital Measurement Machine and CNC Lathe, which allows them to take spatial measurements, as well as updating the drafting software. This created 1 part-time and 3 full-time jobs. There are 65 full-time employees.

Timber-Teq Custom Design, Dickson Morley and son Hyrum (not on the agenda) - Dickson Morley came to explain the history of their umbrella companies and the reason why they were shut down by the building Inspector. He was awarded grant money, but it was decided by the Board to put the funding into reserve until the business was compliant with county codes. Dickson put over \$200,000 into the business for repairs. They wanted to build up their inventory, create a product fulfillment area, revamp the dust collection system, and move all electrical to permanent places. Jon stated that the board can't fund inventory or any of the other businesses, as Timber Teq was the business awarded the grant money. Shanny clarified the original application was for improvements made to 1200 ft of commercial space, and adding additional square footage. Shanny mentioned that the application may need to be reconfigured to address current changes to the plan. Timber Teq is hoping to have everything completed by May. This will be added to May's agenda for the Board to vote on.

Asia Raine, Asia Dutson - Asia moved her business from Salt Lake to Helper 2 years ago. She creates unique Jewelry available for purchase. She also provides workshops and teaches her skill to others. She does many pop-ups to make up for the lack of interest and sales on Main Street. She has since moved her business into her home. With the grant funding she received, she was able to promote her business better by purchasing signage, business cards, and rebranded her logo. She also purchased some tools making it easier to create and design her pieces. Asia wanted to bring on an intern, but had issues retaining those who were interested, due to location or financial reasons.

4.) Rural County Grant 2023 discussion and possible approval of Ori Designs application changes - Board

The revised application shows Ori Designs new plan moving forward. It was well thought out and executed. They were originally awarded \$10,000. The Board was in agreement with the revised application.

Motion: Jon
Second: Larry
Approved

Shanny noted that Juniper Cafe has not signed their award letter agreement. They were awarded funding for 2024. The funds may need to be voted on in the May meeting.

5.) Request from Assessor's Office - Shanny Wilson

The Assessor's Office is requesting Rural County Grant recipient information to ensure the businesses are taxed properly on new assets purchased. Shanny will give them a list of personal property items, but will not hand over any sensitive information within the application that does not pertain to taxable items.

6.) Economic update - Larry Jensen

Campbell Property - The \$2.85 million grant from Congressman Curtis's office was passed for the purchase of the property. The money should be received soon. The County will be looking into property management for this land.

SCS Utah Hydrogen - Is still awaiting a Class IV Permit. The Governor's office highlighted the need for priority regarding this permit.

Urban Oil & Gas - Met with the County and expressed interest in taking CO2 from anyone who generates it. They are talking to Clean Development International in hopes to work out a plan moving forward.

Utah Inland Port Authority - Is working with Wellington Microtech, along with others, to create a project area for them on the property they own.

7.) Other Business - Oran asked if Price City has had any interest in Outside dining on Main Street to improve businesses. Oran also asked how a person would get that question answered. Layne suggested attending a council workshop and open a discussion about the topic. Shanny also mentioned that SERDA was bringing back their Main Street Committee to help beautify our downtown.

8.) Adjourn

Motion: Larry
Second: Jon
Approved

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Layne Miller, Board Chair