

MINUTES OF THE DUCHESNE COUNTY ECONOMIC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD JULY 19, 2024, BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. IN DUCHESNE, UT, AS WELL AS ON ZOOM

Present -

Irene Hansen, Cody Ivie, Jennifer Adams, Deborah Herron, and Commission Executive Assistant Melissa Hughes

Attending & Participating via Zoom –

Lezlee Whiting, Lori Haslem with GEOE, and Tyson Stewart

Opening Comments & Welcome

Commissioner Hansen welcomed everyone in attendance.

Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2024, Meeting

Cody Ivie made a motion to approve the March 13, 2024, minutes as presented. Jenny Adams seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposing votes.

Review the Business Grant Applications

Altamont Theatre LLC—Aaron and Lianne Ames are renovating the Altamont Theatre as a place for the community to gather and share in the arts. They have replaced the HVAC system and updated the electrical and sound systems. They are preserving Altamont's history. *Jenny Adams made a motion to approve the application as ratified by the County Commissioners.*

Reporting on Rural Grant to the State of Utah

Economic Development Director Deborah Herron presented the Status Report for the Rural County Grant. The grant's breakdown was \$20,000 for Business Recruitment, Development, and Expansion, \$10,000 for Workforce Training and Development, \$90,000 for Infrastructure and Capital Facilities Improvement for Business Development, and \$80,000 for Business and Community Volunteer Mentoring, for a total grant amount of \$200,000. She explained the progress of the Business Expansion and Retention (BEAR) and Consulting, Customer Service, and the Main Street Matching Grants. Pictures of some of the businesses that have been helped were shown. She described the Business and Community Volunteer Mentoring Grant that assisted the Thompsen House of Hope. She will submit the Rural Grant Reporting through the Governor Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO) Grant Portal. She will submit the draft FY25 application to the board before submitting it. The parties discussed the grant and future goals. *Jenny Adams made a motion to approve the grant overview as presented. Lezlee Whiting seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposing votes.*

Discussion of Emphasis for Upcoming Grant

The parties discussed the cities' shareholder meetings and ways to help them stay engaged. The AI training went well, and it would be possible to have it again.

Lori Haslem with GOEO gave her perspective on the Thompsen House of Hope and how Duchesne County used the grant funds.

The party discussed how 100% of the grant funds go to the community. None are used for personnel or administrative costs.

Round Table Discussion

The next meeting will be in August.

Adjournment

Lezlee Whiting made a motion to adjourn at 9:59 a.m. Tyson Stewart seconded the motion. The forum adjourned.