

Sanpete CEO Board Minutes
September 13, 2024 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Members present:

Sean Lewis, Abby Ivory, Kenley Steck Kent Barton

Members Excused:

Dave Oxman, Dennis Marker

Visitors:

Forest Turner, GOEO; Chris Lowery, Snow College

Welcome:

Chair Lewis welcomed everyone including the Snow College student to the meeting.

1. Local Community Reports:

Manti - Kent report that Six Housing developments are going on right now. 5 permits were issued this week in the Temple View Subdivision. This area includes 2 commercial lots and 58 residential lots with homes under \$500,000.

The 3 lot commercial development (between ballpark and cemetery) across from Temple View housing to the west of the temple finally got approval from UDOT. A Dollar General is going in with 2 other spaces not finalized but discussions are ongoing.

The planning commission is starting to work on a short-term rental ordinance.

Snow College - Kenley stated that they did a test run on new credential offerings (short term training) and microcredentials in Microsoft Office, Microsoft Office and Career Orientation Training, and Content and Email Marketing Specialist that they offered for free. They had hoped for 90 enrolled and ended up with 180 students. Now they know that there is a need for short term training they are now looking for ideas for what other things are needed.

Ephraim - Sean stated that Wendy's and Arby's have officially been open for a year. Inland Port authorized Skyline Corridor which includes Ephraim and gives them the authority to bond to get Ephraim crossing off the ground. Intermountain hospital prioritized the Ephraim hospital as a top 5 project for them and an official announcement will probably come in January.

Housing is still a problem for businesses looking to grow. The city is looking to help find housing for them.

They are looking to move their public works building.

Cobblestone hotel is starting to take shape on the north end of Ephraim.

Abby stated that Ephraim is growing at a much faster rate than even Nephi is growing and the surrounding communities need to prepare for growth.

GOEO - Forest stated Economic assistance grant period has finished and they are reviewing those applications.

R6 - Abby said that UAC announced a new housing grant initiative that will be rolling out soon.

2. **Rural Community Opportunity Grant** - Snow College asked to put off the Innovation Center grant application for the Rural Community Opportunity grant for a year to do more research, opens September 16 and expires October 30. Sanpete County is available to apply for a grant for this year.

Look at having the Ephraim/Manti Airport apply for the grant to extend the runway, but there are some complications and they are working with the FAA on that.

Abby stated that she just wants to be sure that it is finished so we can apply for one for the Innovation center in fall 2025.

3. **FY2025 Rural County Grant Fund** - Distributed the FY2024 accounting. Requested funds for Snow Big Deal. Will ask the winners for FY2024 to give a written report of the grant and verbal report to the board. Abby talked to the Fayette Merc about Lacey Bakes closing to see if she can use any of that equipment.
4. **Develop Guidelines for Sanpete business grants** - The Board agreed to continue doing microgrants but have a more structured process. Have an open and close application period. Continue with a \$20,000 maximum, 50/50 reimbursement grant, new expenses only. Require the business to report back to the board before money is released. The Board wants to have a scoring rubric and online application. Abby will develop the application. Board members will review the rubric that Abby has preliminary given the board members. Abby to give board members the google drive link so members can list their notes on the rubric.

Name: Sanpete County Business Development Grant

Amount: Up to \$20,000

Terms: Reimbursement only

New expenses only for approved project

50/50 match

Must report back to board and turn in receipts to get 50% reimbursement

Timeline: Applications open 12/01/25 - 01/31/25

Board reviews and scores applications individually 02/01/25 - 02/27/25

In person interviews of top 10 applications during regular meeting March
Recommend to Commissioners in April Commission meeting

Next Meeting:

October 17 at 11 am at Manti City Hall

Closing:

Kent motions to adjourn and Kenley seconds it. Chair Lewis closes the meeting.