

MINUTES OF THE DUCHESNE COUNTY ECONOMIC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 11, 2025, BEGINNING AT 2:00 P.M. IN DUCHESNE, UT, AS WELL AS ON ZOOM

Present -

Commissioner Jeff Chugg, Irene Hansen, Economic Development Director Deborah Herron, Cody Ivie, and Commission Executive Assistant Melissa Hughes

Attending & Participating via Zoom –

Lezlee Whiting, Tyson Stewart, Lori Haslem with GOEO

John Zilles is excused.

Opening Comments & Welcome

Irene Hansen welcomed everyone in attendance.

Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2024, Meeting

Codi Ivie motioned to approve the December 18, 2024, minutes as presented. Deborah Herron seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposing votes.

Discussion & Approval of the Main Street Matching Grant Applications

Economic Development Director Deborah Herron presented three applications for the matching grant.

- **Dusty Jensen's Request for Increase of Grant**
Director Herron explained that the cost of the block ice machine was higher than anticipated. They are asking for the match to be \$9,750. The parties discussed the business and equipment. *Cody Ivie made a motion to approve Dusty Jensen's application as presented. Commissioner Jeff Chugg seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposing votes.*
- **Runners Inc. Grant Application**
Director Herron explained the project of pouring a cement approach to prevent mud and dirt from being tracked onto the highway. The matching grant request is \$12,000. Commissioner Chugg explained he had a conversation with them about the mud during his previous employment. The parties discussed the project and the company. *Lezlee Whiting made a motion to approve the Runners Inc. project. Cody Ivie seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposing votes.*
- **Gift Shop Town Final Project Update**
Director Herron presented the application and pictures of the equipment. She explained that they can make printed or embroidered T-shirts, hats, or anything else. They can also laser engrave items. The parties discussed the business. *Commissioner Jeff Chugg made a motion to approve the application from Gift Shop Town as presented. Cody Ivie seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposing votes.*

Discussion & Consideration of Micro Grant Applications

Irene Hansen explained the micro-grants and who would benefit from them. This would be a post-performance grant. These grants could assist small businesses in securing equipment, repairs, front-of-building improvements, or other items that will help the business serve the public and improve its business. The microgrant request could be \$1,000.

New Business

Director Herron explained the Port Authority Project area and how this is to help with infrastructure for businesses. She is working with Moon Lake Resort to restore its water, which was damaged by debris flows.

The parties discussed the industry and foot traffic in the businesses. Commissioner Chugg gave an update on legislation and active bills.

Lori Haslem with GOEO spoke about the change in county classification for the TRT tax and childcare assistance.

Adjournment

Lezlee Whiting made a motion to adjourn at 2:53 p.m. Jenny Adams seconded the motion. The forum adjourned.

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