



**Carbon Community Economic Development (CED) Board
Regular Meeting**

**April 15, 2025 10:30 AM
751 E 100 N Suite 2600 Price, Utah 84501**

Board Members Present:

Layne Miller
Jon Richens
Larry Jensen
Zak Konakis
Oran Stainbrook

Others Present:

Shanny Wilson
Debra McKee
James Dixon
Jarrod Haddock
Tony Martines

Overview

The Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity joined the meeting and emphasized the importance of documenting our grant processes and successes. They also covered the responsibilities of the Advisory Board, including annual reporting and project planning.

Action Items

Send Debra McKee Rural County Grant success stories or projects that the board would like to highlight. Plan and propose how the \$200,000 Rural County Grant funds will be utilized in the upcoming fiscal year 2026.

1.) Welcome and roll call – Layne Miller

2.) Review, discuss, and approve previous meeting minutes from March 18, 2025 –

Layne Miller
Motion: Jon
Second: Zak
Approved

3.) Presentation from the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity – Debra McKee and James Dixon

James reviewed the formation and responsibilities of the Advisory Board. The guide and training document are available online at business.utah.gov. The board must consist of at least five voting members and cover these sectors (county employee, county resident,

municipality, workforce development, and private business). Terms should be staggered every four years, and the board should elect a chair and vice chair annually. Meetings should be advertised, open to the public, and minutes recorded. The board is responsible for assisting and advising the county legislative body on applications for the Rural County Grant (RCG) and the Rural Communities Opportunity Grant (RCOG). The board should prepare annual reports for both programs, detailing how the funds were spent and the impact of the projects. The RCG is a \$200,000 annual grant for each rural county, while the RCOG is a competitive grant with awards up to \$600,000. Debra emphasized the importance of considering city projects when applying for grants, as cities have limited funds available. The board must be functioning and meeting regularly to be eligible for grants. The board should actively engage in planning and anticipating economic development activities, presenting proposals to the legislative body. The annual report will open on May 15th and close on June 30th and should include descriptions of projects, budgets, and expected outcomes.

A few examples of successful projects across the state were shared, including workforce training and development initiatives. Some counties subsidize fees for certifications and licensures, such as CDL training for truck drivers. Other counties offer programs like the Junior Entrepreneurship Program through their Chamber of Commerce. Funding can help local businesses improve and provide opportunities to grow.

The board expressed their appreciation and support from GOEO over the years and wondered if there was any plan of increasing the amount of funds received. The good news is, this is ongoing funding, but they don't anticipate an increase even though they ask every year.

4.) Rural County Grant 2024 recipient report(s), if any

None at this time, but Larry did give an overview of Economic Development. He attending an open house for Co2 Sync, they run wood through a self-contained process with very little emissions to create biochar, which they also use for heat. They have ordered two units and plan to purchase land in our industrial park on Ridge Road. We are also signing a lease agreement with Clean Development for 20 acres, which includes a first right of refusal for an additional 20 acres. Federal incentives that are going away could affect some of these companies, including two non-disclosure groups.

5.) Adjourn

Motion: Zak

Second: Board

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Layne Miller', is written over a horizontal line.

Layne Miller, Board Chair