

MINUTES OF THE DUCHESNE COUNTY ECONOMIC ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD MAY 06, 2025, BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. IN DUCHESNE, UT, AS WELL AS ON ZOOM

Present -

Commissioner Jeff Chugg, Commissioner Tracy Killian, Irene Hansen, Economic Development Director Deborah Herron, Jenny Adams, Lori Haslem with GOEO, James Dixon, Lezlee Whiting, and Commission Executive Assistant Melissa Hughes

Attending & Participating via Zoom –

John Zilles

Tyson Stewart and Cody Ivie were excused.

Opening Comments & Welcome

Irene Hansen welcomed everyone in attendance. Everyone introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2025, Meeting

Jenny Adams motioned to approve the minutes from February 11, 2025, as presented. Lezlee Whiting seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposing votes.

GOEO Training – James Dixon

James Dixon, from the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO), introduced the GOEO website and explained that all the grants are available in one place. There are funding opportunities, a written guide on the application process, and tips for applying.

Mr. Dixon presented a PowerPoint presentation explaining the County Economic Opportunity Advisory Boards (CEO Boards), which must consist of five voting members appointed by the county legislative body. There must be one representative from each of the following groups: a county representative, a Representative of a municipality in the county, a Workforce development representative, and a private-sector representative.

He explained the terms of the CEO board members, business and voting procedures, public meetings, rural grants, and the CEO board's responsibilities, as well as the grants and their qualifying criteria, project examples, and the differences between community development and economic development.

Rural Grant Update

Economic Development Director Deborah Herron presented a list of the Main Street Improvement Matching grant for FY2025. She explained each project and the grant amount for each business.

New Business

Director Herron explained that \$10,000 of the grant remains. She would like to use the remaining funds for marketing to help promote small businesses.

Irene Hansen gave examples of how local businesses have improved Main Street.

Adjournment

Lezlee Whiting made a motion to adjourn at 11:26 a.m. Jenny Adams seconded the motion. The forum adjourned.