



**Carbon Community Economic Development (CED) Board
Regular Meeting
July 15, 2025 10:30 AM
751 E 100 N Suite #2600 Price, Utah 84501**

Board Members Present:

Layne Miller
Jon Richens
Larry Jensen
Oran Stainbrook

Others Present:

Shanny Wilson
Debra McKee
Anna Evans

Overview

Anna Evans attended the meeting to report to the board. She is the owner of Badlands Goods, a business where she creates contemporary art using traditional hand processes, fiber arts, and metalsmithing. Her studio is a renovated log cabin where she also maintains a pollinator habitat.

1.) Welcome and roll call – Layne Miller

2.) Review, discuss, and approve previous meeting minutes from June 17, 2025 – Layne Miller

Motion: Oran
Second: Jon
Approved

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

Anna Evans is the creator and owner of Badlands Goods. She is a multidisciplinary artist that specializes in traditional hand processes, fiber arts, and metalsmithing to create contemporary artwork. Her studio is located in a historic log cabin that she has transformed into a creative space. Additionally, she has established a pollinator habitat throughout her property.

With her background as a naturalist and gardener, Anna is able to ethically forage and grow elements for her artistic work. Thanks to the grant funding, she has made several updates to her property, including constructing an outdoor workspace, replacing the roof of her main cabin workspace, and installing a deer fence. These improvements have prevented further weather damage to the historic cabin, allowing her to work year-round. The expansion of her workspace has supported the completion of her exhibition titled "Mutualism," which is currently displayed at the Prehistoric Museum. She describes it as an exploration of the symbiotic relationships between organisms and the environment of the Colorado Plateau desert. The exhibition has received positive feedback and attracted tourists from outside Carbon County. Anna has also been invited to workshops at both

the Natural History Museum of Utah and the Utah Museum of Fine Arts.

The Board asked her about the economic impact of the current climate on her business.

She acknowledged some challenges but mentioned that she has a loyal group of returning clients and is optimistic that recent opportunities will help her grow her client base.

4.) Rural County Grant 2025 recipient report(s), if any

None at this time.

5.) Updates on Rural County Grant 2026 - Shanny Wilson

Shanny mentioned that she's still working on the drop-down menu and the word count features. The application is open and live. She made a presentation to the chamber, and an article was published about it. Layne still needs to connect with the radio stations to promote the grant. Shanny has submitted the 2025 report to GOEO, which has been accepted. She plans to apply for the 2026 funding once it opens. A question was raised about the certificate program discussed last month with Duchesne County representatives. It was noted that the program is affiliated with Tourism and funded by TRT (Transient Room Tax), not Economic Development. It was concluded that if restaurants approached the county with a proposal to implement similar programs to generate traffic and enhance curb appeal, the Board would consider it.

6.) Economic update - Larry Jensen

The NDA has narrowed their options down to two sites and Carbon County is one of them. They continue to have questions regarding the reuse of sewer water. One major concern is the risk of water splashing workers while they are on-site, which could pose safety issues if the water comes from the sewage plant. Therefore, additional treatment will be required. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow between The NDA and the state to review and discuss the remaining concerns surrounding this issue. Larry is optimistic that a resolution will be found, and they should be in a position to make an announcement this fall. There is a year's worth of environmental and design work to complete. The potential startup date is projected for 2029.

Additionally, the county has a meeting today with a company that recently purchased the old sawmill property on Ridge Road. This company has an interesting process where they take CO₂, separate the carbon from the water, and make the carbon reusable.

We are also collaborating with IE to create a new project area on Consumers Road. They are planning to build a large warehouse to test units, allowing them to identify any issues before shipping the products out. Eventually, they plan to construct six new buildings.

7.) Other business?

None at this time.

8.) Adjourn

Motion: Jon

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Layne Miller, Board Chair