



**Carbon Community Economic Development (CED) Board
Regular Meeting
October 21, 2025 10:30 AM
751 E 100 N Suite #2600 Price, Utah 84501**

Board Members Present:

Layne Miller
Jon Richens
Oran Stainbrook

Board Members Absent:

Larry Jensen

Board Members Excused:

Zak Konakis

Others Present:

Shanny Wilson
Emily Wood
CJ McManus
Taylor Warnock
Scottie Kraync

Overview

AJB Broadcasting reported to the Board about their significant growth due to the Rural County Grant, including purchasing equipment, hiring new employees, and expanding sports coverage. The board discussed the success of the September business visits and suggested future quarterly visits starting next month.

Action Items

Shanny will plan business recipient visits in Helper for next month.
Shanny will follow up with previous grant recipients who have not reported on their projects.

1. Welcome and roll call – Layne Miller
2. Review, discuss, and approve previous meeting minutes from August 19, 2025 – Layne Miller
Motion: Oran
Second: Jon
Approved
3. Discuss September RCG business recipient visits – Layne Miller
The Board shared positive feedback about the recent grant recipient visits, emphasizing the importance of meeting people in person and understanding their operations better. It was suggesting they go once a quarter and that visiting three businesses within the hour

worked out great.

4. Rural County Grant 2024 recipient report(s), if any – AJB Broadcasting, Double Axe Surface Prep

AJB Broadcasting came to report to the Board and expressed gratitude for the grant. The funding allowed them to grow promotions, increase revenue, and hire two additional contract employees for sports coverage and local events. They highlighted their focus on underserved ladies' athletics, like softball and basketball, and their efforts to recognize all student-athletes through billboards and studio interviews. They were asked about ongoing challenges and future goals – they indicated that they need a company van to transport gear securely and could use another full-time employee. Shanny mentioned that the grant is open for 2026 and it was emphasized that the board looks for community impact in applications.

CJ shared exciting news that Helper Beer won first place in the German Pilsner competition at Denver's "Super Bowl of beer," which could significantly boost tourism for Helper.

5. Rural County Grant 2025 recipient report(s), if any
No one from 2025 came to report, but Shanny informed the board that Double Axe and Timber-Teq have not yet reported on their 2024 grant, despite multiple attempts to contact them. She requested the board consider this if these entities apply for future grants.

6. Rural County Grant 2026 updates – Shanny Wilson
Shanny noted that two applications have been received and mentioned her ongoing efforts to reach out to businesses via email, seeking to add more contacts to her list for grant notifications.

7. Economic update – Larry Jensen
Shanny shared an economic update noting progress on land acquisition for the NDA project. The main holdup is the purchase price of an 80-acre parcel. Additionally, a data center company is most likely purchasing land near Nine Mile Canyon, previously intended for another project, with ongoing work on power and water provisions for the data center.

8. Other business?
Oran asked if nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for the grant, and it was confirmed that they are.

9. Adjourn
Motion: Jon

Approved



Layne Miller, Board Chair