



**Carbon Community Economic Development (CED) Board
Regular Meeting
February 17, 2026 10:30 AM
751 E 100 N Suite #2600 Price, Utah 84501**

Board Members Present:

Layne Miller
Daniel Luke
Jon Richens
Oran Stainbrook

Board Members Excused:

Zak Konakis

Others Present:

Shanny Wilson
Larry Jensen
Janelle Fiack

Overview

The board passed a motion to deny a request to change the use of funds for CDE Property Management, due to non-alignment with grant guidelines. Meaningful Mindz reported on the successful use of 2025 funding for building improvements. The board reviewed and ranked several grant applications.

Action Items

Shanny to notify CDE Property Management of board decision
Shanny to contact Carbon Copy Center and clarify ask
Shanny to contact Pine Top Medical and clarify ask

Agenda

1. Welcome and roll call – Layne Miller
2. Review, discuss, and approve previous meeting minutes from January 20, 2025 – Layne Miller
Motion: Oran
Second: Jon
Approved
3. Rural County Grant 2025 recipient report(s), if any – Janelle from Meaningful Mindz reported on their 2025 funding, expressing gratitude for the support that allowed them to complete work on their building, including security cameras, painting, and groundwork. She shared that the organization started with no money and was housed by a museum for the first summer, eventually growing to 48 children enrolled and 6 full-time employees. Janelle discussed the

need for more space, especially for infant child care, and plans to open a branch in Emery County. She invited the board to visit their facility.

4. Approve or deny CDE Property Management's reallocation of 2025 funds request – Board CDE was awarded \$5,000 to help renovate a new women's shelter home that they ended up not purchasing. They requested to use the funds for different expenditures, including marketing, staffing, and operational needs. The board noted that those expenses don't align with the grant guidelines. Oran inquired about the possibility of rolling over funds to the next year and Larry confirmed that there are no restrictions, as long as Shanny highlights in the state report that the money was left over and will be used in the future.

A motion to deny the request for changing the use of funds and encourage them to reapply when the next grant window opens was made by Jon

Seconded by Oran

Passed

5. Continue discussion of Rural County Grant 2026 applications – Board

The board began by reviewing **La Pasadita**, a newer food truck business that purchased commercial property in Wellington. The applicant was requesting funds for the property acquisition itself, which the board felt was less ideal than asking for construction or renovation funding. Ranked low to medium.

Angels – Ranked high due to their longer time in business, greater following, support of the county, and potential to open another location in East Carbon.

Intermark Steel – They have been funded previously, totaling \$80,000. A discussion began about establishing a funding cap, such as \$100,000 over a 10-year period, to ensure fairness and allow funding for other businesses. Ranked medium.

Office Equipment – Ranked low due to the poor quality of the application.

Merit 3D – They have received funding in the past. Ranked low.

Sandstone Psychology – This is a service/piece of equipment we currently don't offer and people have to travel up north for. Ranked medium.

Carbon Copy Center – They are a helpful, long-standing business that offers a great service. Ranked high.

The Desert Rose – A well written application, but speculative ask. Ranked low.

National 9 of Price – Ranked low due to the poor quality of the application. It's the same owner for all three businesses (National 9, Lariats & Outlaws, and National Investment), but different LLC's.

Lariats & Outlaws – Outlaw cafe has been in Wellington for years and is a pillar of the community. Ranked medium.

National Investment – Ranked low (see National 9).

Castle County Lodging – It's a very low community impact project. Possibly give them a small award. Ranked low.

Helper Brewing – They are still growing, always busy, and drawing people from the Wasatch front. Ranked medium.

AJB Broadcasting – Impressed by how they support the community. Ranked medium as this a very modest ask.

Pine Top Medical – Questions about their ask were raised. The grant could pay for equipment, but not for a sign on bonus. Good application, ranked medium.

Skin & Tonic – Excited for this business and it's a very modest ask. Ranked high.

6. Economic update – Larry Jensen

Valor Atomics is a nuclear company that's expanding from California. The federal government was supportive of the move, and the company's reactor was flown to Hill Air Force Base on Sunday using three C17 cargo planes. Larry and Tony Martines attended the event, which was described as a historic moment, signaling the start of something significant. The reactor, which the Secretary of Energy indicated could supply power for 5,000 homes, is going to Emery County for testing, with a goal to be active by July 4th of this year. This Small Modular Reactor (SMR) technology is designed to use helium instead of water for cooling and utilizes ceramic-coated pellets of nuclear material, increasing safety. If they expand to Carbon County, along with the other 2 NDA's, the potential economic impact of the projects could provide \$4-5 billion in taxable value.

7. Other business?

None

8. Adjourn

Motion: Jon

Approved

Approved

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

Layne Miller, Board Chair