



MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING GARFIELD COUNTY, UTAH

JUNE 1, 2020 10:00 A.M.

Present in Person

Kaden Figgins, Commissioner Jerry Taylor, Kylee Orton, Falyn Owens, Mayor Shannon Allen, Taryn Syrett, Mayor Steve Cox, Joey Martel.

Present Electronically

Joni Anderson, Lance Syrett.

Absent

None.

I. Introduction of Members

Each board member is formally introduced. Commissioner Jerry Taylor welcomes everyone and thanks them for being a part of the CED Board.

II. Election of Officers

Steve Cox makes a MOTION to elect Falyn Owens as Chairman on the board. Mayor Shannon Allen seconds the MOTION. Voting unanimous.

Falyn Owens makes a MOTION to elect Mayor Cox as Vice Chairman on the board. Mayor Shannon Allen seconds the MOTION. Voting unanimous.

III. Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Shannon Allen makes a MOTION to adopt the agenda as printed. Mayor Steve Cox seconds the MOTION. Voting unanimous.



IV. S.B. 95 Overview

Kaden Figgins informs the board of Wednesday's Rural County Grant Program Webinar. He explains the 2 different parts of the grant program. Part A includes \$200,000 per year for each rural County that has established a CED Board. Part B is a competitive process which for up to an additional \$600,000.

Kaden outlines the responsibilities of each party in the program. The parties include Garfield County, CED Board, GRPB, ORD and Rural County Grant Program.

GOED has an application process. We will have to apply and formally set up our CED Board. Our board will decide what guidelines our program will follow.

The Board discussed Part A and Part B of the process. Part A, the \$200,000, is awarded after our application is complete. Part B requires a 20% match. We don't necessarily have to disburse the \$200,000 yearly, however we can only hold it for 5 years and up to 1,000,000 before we have to disburse the money.

V. CED Board Bylaws

The CED Board Bylaws were formally adopted by the Garfield County Commission on May 11, 2020. We will amend the candidate qualifications requiring the Workforce Development Specialist having to be a Garfield County resident.

Municipal members will serve 1-year initial terms. All remaining Board members will serve initial 2-year terms. Members can be reappointed. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall not be an officer for more than 2 years. An annual meeting will take place in September. Any new officer will be elected at that meeting. Each board member must attend 75% of the meetings in person or teleconference.

VI. Rural County Grant Program Overview

The board discussed the process of The Rural County Grant Program. Joey Martel inquires with the board about goals. The board discusses and agrees that we need to look for ways to diversify our economy. Lance Syrett would like to see a benefit to all season. As a board we know what our County needs.

Commissioner Taylor states if we want to diversify our economy then we need to not only focus on tourism but to explore our options. We want tourism but we want to create other jobs and opportunities that will benefit Garfield County year-round.



The board discusses start-ups and what risks we are willing to take when it comes to helping a new business verses an existing business.

Our first priority should be a position or business that will create full-time jobs that will support families. This is what will build the economy rather than a seasonal opportunities. Mayor Cox explains expansion. Expansion includes people that are here and established and want to expand their business. This discussion lead to the housing situation in Garfield County. As a board we are aware of the availability of monthly rentals in Garfield County. It is clear most rentals are being used as vacation rentals.

Kaden Figgins will reach out to Don Albrecht regarding an ASAP study. Joni encourages us to utilize the results from that study to help us.

As a board we want to focus on the section of the economy that has been neglected. Joey Martel explains an export by indicating our customers are those outside of the economy. When we think about diversification we need to put a premium on export businesses. Most services can be an export.

Kaden Figgins inquiries about the quality of life. We want to benefit tourism and locals. We also want to incentivize others to come to our County. Lance Syrett indicates the bike path. The board discusses the quality of life and how it has changed over the years. Kid count is a large factor in the quality of life.

By our next meeting, we will set guidelines and establish a mission statement for our board to follow so we can move toward our goals.

Mayor Allen informs the board of the importance of spreading the word of our new CED Board and what we have to offer. Kaden Figgins explains the CED Board will be discussed in commission meetings and -Tri- County task force meetings. We will each spread the word in our communities and to other community leaders. Once the program is in full force, we can look into press releases, newspapers, email lists and business input.



VII. Discussion of Future Meetings

The board agrees to hold a CED Board meeting on the first Monday of each month. The meeting location will be rotated throughout the County. The next meeting will be held Monday, July 6 at 10:00 a.m. at the Escalante Community Center.

VIII. Business

Kaden Figgins informs the board about a Rural County Grant Program webinar that will take place this Wednesday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Kaden Figgins will amend the board bylaws to allow the Workforce Development Representative to be a resident from outside Garfield County.

IX. Adjournment

Mayor Shannon Allen makes a MOTION to adjourn.