

Emery County Economic Development (CED) Board

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2021 @ 1:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Commissioner Kent Wilson, Commissioner Lynn Sitterud, Commissioner Gil Conover, Mayor Travis Bacon (remotely), Laren Huntsman, Laurel Magnuson, Brock Johansen, Nicole Steele (remotely), Taren Powell, Stuart Clason (remotely), Jade Powell

1. Nominations and Approval of CED Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Nicole Steele was nominated by Brock Johansen to be the Emery CEDS board chair. Nicole Steele accepted the nomination.

Brock Johansen motioned to approve Nicole Steele as chairperson. Laren Huntsman seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Laurel Magnuson was nominated by Brock Johansen to be the Emery CEDS board vice-chair. Laurel Magnuson accepted the nomination.

Brock Johansen motioned to approve Laurel Magnuson as chairperson. Laren Huntsman seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Because Nicole Steele was attending via virtual means, Nicole Steele asked Vice-Chairperson Laurel Magnuson to lead the meeting.

2. Discuss/Approve/Deny March 1, 2021 CED Meeting Minutes

Laurel Magnuson presented the minutes to the CED board. There were no corrections or concerns with the minutes.

Commissioner Kent Wilson motioned to approve minutes. The motion was seconded by Brock Johansen. Vote was unanimous.

3. Update - Remaining funds at the end of the funding year may be carried over to the next funding year for the next year's project(s).

Jade Powell provided the CEDS board with information regarding the current year's grant. Powell reported that he had received an email from GOED stating that unspent funds will not be asked to be returned; however, the CEDS will have to produce an annual report illustrating where funds have been invested and the outcomes of the projects. This annual report will have to be submitted to GOED prior to the next year's funds being released.

It was suggested from the CEDS board that the remaining funds from FY2021 be used to develop a megasite in Emery County.

4. Discuss/Approve/Deny/Table - FY2022 Project(s) - Attachment 2

Jade Powell informed the CEDS board that the State Legislature approved \$4.25 million. This means that each rural county is eligible to apply for \$177,083 under Part A of the Rural County Grant Program. The application for FY2022 will open on May 15, 2021; however the annual report for FY2021 will have to be submitted prior to applications being awarded for FY2022.

For FY2022, matching funds will be required for each county. Emery County should expect to match the \$177,083 with approximately \$53,125 because of Emery County being a fourth class county.

It was asked by the CEDS board if the contract that is executed with Stuart Clason for economic development consulting to be used as a match. Additionally, could Jade Powell's time and wages be counted as a match for the grant as he provides staff to the CEDS board.

Jade Powell presented to the CEDS board other projects that have been approved in the other counties in Utah. The CEDS board reviewed the list and discussed other projects.

The CEDS board discussed possible projects being dedicated to the San Rafael Energy Research Center such as: continuing the contract with the San Rafael Energy Research Center consultant; purchasing equipment for Center like an extruder, heater, etc. for the coal to fiber process.

No motion was made at this time to proceed with any projects for FY2022 Rural County Grant Program.

5. Other Business

a. **Next Meeting:** May 10, 2021 @ 1:30 pm (Second Monday)

b. **FAM Tour - Stuart Clason**

Stuart Clason asked the CEDS board if they would be interested in planning a familiarization (FAM) tour to Emery County. This would include SITLA, Utah Inland Port Authority, Governor's Office of Energy Development, USU, and other pertinent partners. The goal of the FAM tour would be to showcase 1) the role of the San Rafael Energy Research Center including a tour of the center, and 2) a tour of Green River as a potential site for warehousing and manufacturing. This would be planned for the beginning of June 2021.

c. **Update on Rocky Mountain Power Meeting - Commissioner Kent Wilson**

Kent Wilson and Laren Huntsman updated the CEDS board about the meeting with Rocky Mountain Power. The meeting was overall productive. Those that met with Rocky Mountain Power talked about the infrastructure and potential projects around the two power plants in Emery County.

6. Adjournment

Kent Wilson made a motion to adjourn at 2:35 pm. Laren Huntsman seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Board Chair Signature: *Nicole D Steele*

Printed Name: Nicole D Steele Date: Jun 15, 2021