



MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING GARFIELD COUNTY, UTAH

MAY 17, 2021 10:00 A.M.

Present in Person

Kaden Figgins, Kylee Orton, Falyn Owens, Taryn Syrett, Commissioner Jerry Taylor, Joey Martel, Lance Syrett

Present Electronically

Mayor Shannon Allen, Joni Anderson

Absent

Mayor Steve Cox

I. Adoption of Agenda

Mayor Shannon Allen made a MOTION to adopt the agenda. Lance Syrett Seconded the MOTION. Voting unanimous.

II. Approval of Minutes

Lance Syrett made a MOTION to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Mayor Shannon. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.



III. 2020 Rural County Grant Program Recap

We funded NeighborWorks \$50,000. They have started building two new homes in Tropic. They are working on water issues with the Escalante project. They have hired a contractor to build two duplexes.

We funded Holly and Brandon Baugh \$40,000 to purchase JCI Billing. They have since purchased the company and have hired another part time employee.

IV. 2021 Rural County Grant Program

The Rural County Grant Program will provide our main source of funding. We will have \$240,000 this year plus the \$5,000 we saved from last year.

Kaden presented the idea of holding a NICA bike race. The race is organized through the High School Utah Cycling League. He anticipated the race will bring in 3,000 to 5,000 people. Kaden spoke with the BLM about getting the NEPA done on this project. The NEPA will have to be complete before we can finalize the bike course. The goal is to make this happen for the 2022 season.

The Houston's have talked with Kaden about purchasing office space. They hope to provide office space to the South Central Communications employees to keep those jobs here in Panguitch.

V. Business

The board will meet again in July.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00.
