

Emery County Economic Development (CED) Board

Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2022 @ 3:30 p.m.

Emery County Courthouse, Commission Conference Room
75 East Main Street, Castle Dale, Utah 84513

In Attendance: Nicole Steele (virtual), Commissioner Kent Wilson, Taren Powell (virtual), Jade Powell, Commissioner Lynn Sitterud

Meeting called to order at 3:36 pm.

Because there was not a quorum present, the Chair Nicole Steele asked Jade Powell to send out an email with all action items to be voted upon electronically and ratified at the next Emery CED board meeting.

1. Discuss/Approve/Deny - December 2021 CED Meeting Minutes

No vote was taken at the meeting. An email was sent requesting this agenda item to be voted upon electronically and ratified at the next Emery CED board meeting.

2. Information/Update - Rural County Grant Program - Part C

Jade Powell presented the flyer that GO Utah had published for Part C funds that may be available to establish a Rural Opportunity Fund. Powell explained that the Rural Opportunity Fund would operate like a revolving loan fund for economic development infrastructure projects.

3. Discuss/Approve/Deny - Rural County Grant Program - Part B - Updated Scope of Work, Budget Narrative, New Budget

Jade Powell updated those in attendance that Emery County was awarded \$50,000 in Part B funds. Powell explained that because they applied for over \$350,000 but were only awarded \$50,000 and Emery County needed to adjust the scope of work and budget to fit within the award. It was discussed with those in attendance that the scope of work should be used for the purchase of equipment at the San Rafael Energy Research Center; primarily a welder, hand tools, and a compressor.

No vote was taken at the meeting. An email was sent requesting this agenda item to be voted upon electronically and ratified at the next Emery CED board meeting.

4. Discuss/Approve/Deny - Matching Grant Program

Jade Powell presented to those present the memorandum of understanding between the entities participating in the matching grant program. Conversation was had around the payment to the Emery County Business Chamber for managing the matching grant program.

In addition, Powell presented the application of the matching grant program and what the process will look like through this program.

The group present asked Powell to move forward with the memorandum of understanding with the requested changes and draft grant application.

No vote was taken at the meeting. An email was sent requesting this agenda item to be voted upon electronically and ratified at the next Emery CED board meeting.

5. Other Business

a. General Updates on Economic Development in Emery County

i. Build Back Better Regional Challenge Proposal

Jade Powell updated the CED board that the Governor's Office of Energy Development Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC) proposal was selected to be funded in Phase I. Powell also informed the board that the coalition established by the BBBRC has been working on 6-8 applications that needed to be submitted to EDA for Phase 2 by March 15 2022.

ii. Other

It was discussed that in the next years application for the Rural County Grant Program that Emery County consider conducting a feasibility study for a meat processing facility located in Emery County. This would be a small facility of roughly 5 - 100 head per week.

b. Next Meeting: March 14, 2022 @ 3:30 pm (Second Monday)

6. Adjourn

The group that was present adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm

Board Chair Signature: Nicole D. Steele
Nicole D. Steele (Aug 3, 2022 11:15 MDT)

Printed Name: Nicole D. Steele **Date:** Aug 3, 2022