

Carbon Community Economic Development Board

Regular Meeting

January 19, 2023 - 3:00 p.m.

751 East 100 North Suite #2700 Price, UT 84501
(Commission Conference Room)

Board Members Present:

Layne Miller
Leif Nelson
Larry Jensen
Zak Konakis
Jon Richens

Board Members Absent:

Others Present:

Shanny Wilson - Carbon County Economic Development office

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome & Roll Call

2. Review and possible approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion to Approve: Jon

Seconded: Zak

Approved

- 3. Applications** – Shanny received an email from Kari at Apple Country, they would like to go through with the project if they aren't funded, it will just take longer. Layne said back in the day there were ice cream shops/drug store on every corner in town. Larry would like to decide how much money to hold back for the second and third cycles. It's suggested that we: 1. Identified the amount 2. Give everyone half or less 3. Prioritize based on ranking. It's okay if we give some more than others. All applicants said they plan to move forward with their project whether they receive funding or not. Leif said it's a good indication of their commitments to the community. Jon said we set the rule up front to split the amounts 33%, three ways. And that we prioritize the highest impact projects and award them first, and let them know that there may be more funding to come. Loveless Ash and EMC are not applicable, KCCS and SEUALG are also low priority. There is some concern about the same businesses applying every year and new businesses not hearing about it. See spreadsheet for prioritization. All high priority will be considered this time around. The board talked about last years recipients who still need to complete their project. Alaska Guide and Bug & Bird Mercantile are the only two. Shanny has had conversations with both businesses and feels like Bug & Bird will most likely not finish their project. If those projects don't get finished, the funds will roll into this year for distribution. We need to get a formal letter sent to let them know that they have until March to complete their project or the funds will be re-allocated. Shanny will take care of this. There is something in the application that

spells out the time frame, it indicates one year from the date of the award letter. Leif suggested we be more specific in the award letter this year. It was suggested that we advertise for applications next year as early as July.

Grant applicant general discussion:

Flawless Sheeting - the burn table will be personal property and the tax will be helpful but will diminish over time. That would add long term value to the tax. Helper Brewery - their equipment is also personal property, but they will add employees so that's a plus. Tram Electric - again is personal property, but if they can put 6 people to work that will create some good paying jobs. EXT - didn't indicate that they are the only people manufacture the shock (for bikes). This one was a little confusing, but they will be importing from another country. They are also new so we could help them out a little bit. Sounds like it's more of a warehouse than a repair shop, where you order the shocks and they send it out?

General discussion and distribution of funding.

The high and medium priorities will move to the next round for consideration. Let the low priority applicants know they will not be awarded. The awardees will be discussed and approved at the next Commission meeting. The paper will do an article.

Jon motioned to inform the people who are not receiving funding that they didn't meet the needs, to inform the people that are receiving funding that they did meet the needs and their application will be considered next cycle, to let Apple Country Crafts know that this is their full funding, and that this will all be presented at the next Commission meeting.

Seconded: Leif

Approved

4. **Next Steps** – Shanny would like to make personal phone calls this time around. The board agreed.
5. **Economic Update** – Larry talked about the four companies interested in the Ridge Road area. Blue Sky Energy has ordered their first unit. They're facing challenges to clean up the property. Dominion ran a gas line, so now they have enough gas for two units, but that's it. The other companies are fairly promising, including Wellington Microtech and SCS, but we need infrastructure for power. We are in the process of asking for the CIB money that was set aside for the Oakland Port infrastructure, and recently found out that the language of the Bill has to be changed in order for it to be used for anything but the port. We may not receive that money, but the information is out there. We're also asking for help from the state. It's an ongoing project and we've learned a lot. We've hired a lobbyist for the legislative ask of the Rural Utah Energy Ecosystem. Part of it would be used to purchase property along ridge road, and part of the ask is for water. And if we had a high pressure gas line, that would attract other industries. It's hard competing with the Wasatch Front. The struggle is also getting developers to build starter homes. Leif cannot be at our next meeting so we will meet on February 14th at 2:00 p.m.

6. Other Business

7. Adjourn

Motion: Leif

Seconded: Jon

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

Layne Miller, Board Chair