

Garfield County Economic Development Meeting

September 16, 2022 10:00 A.M.

Present: Kaden Figgins, Kylee Orton, Falyn Owens, Lance Syrett, Mark Boshell, Commissioner David Tebbs, Taryn Syrett

Present electronically: Mayor Melani Torgerson, Joni Anderson, Joey Martel

I. Adoption of Agenda

Lance Syrett made a MOTION to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Mayor Melani Torgerson. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mark Boshell made a MOTION to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Lance Syrett. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

III. Competitive Business Grant Interviews

- A. Gene Siler, Bryce Canyon Recreation Association, presented the Bryce Canyon City Ice Ribbon project. He reported that they have begun construction on the ice ribbon at Ruby's Inn. He presented a total cost breakdown with the increase due to Covid. Gene's grant request from the GCED Board is \$50,000.

- B. Becky Dalton, Living Local, has purchased the old historic library in Panguitch. She shared her plans to restore the old building. She plans to create multiple office spaces to benefit the community but part of the building will remain historic. Becky's grant request from the GCED Board is \$50,000.

C. Harshad Desai, Desai Inc, owns a small building in Panguitch that he plans to fix up for a long term rental. Harshad's grant request from the GCED Board is \$50,000.

Mark Boshell made a MOTION to approve funding to Bryce Canyon Recreation for \$50,000. Seconded by Taryn Syrett. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

After Discussion, Lance Syrett made a MOTION to approve funding to Living Local for \$50,000. Seconded by Mark Boshell. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

Taryn Syrett, made a MOTION to approve \$7,500 to Desai Inc. Seconded by Lance Syrett. Motion carried. Voting unanimous.

IV. Business

A. Economic Development RFP (2021RCGP) - The board discussed the money that was distributed to businesses last year and the status of those projects. For those projects that aren't going to go through, the money will be paid back.

B. 2022 Rural County Grant Program - Kaden Figgins presented the 2022 Budget Breakdown. There was discussion on this year's projects and funding amounts.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35. Mark Boshell made a MOTION to adjourn.