



C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor

Megan Ronk, Director

Economic Advisory Council Meeting
Friday, February 19, 2016
Idaho Department of Commerce
700 W. State Street, Boise, ID 83702

Members Present Via Phone:

Steve Meyer, *Region 1*
Robin Woods, *Region 2*
Mick Wiskerchen, *Region 3*
Arlen Wittrock, *Region 5*
Mark Young, *Region 6*
Margie Watson, *At-Large*

Members Present:

John Craner, *Region 4*

Members Absent:

Gina Knudson, *Region 7*

Commerce Staff Present Via Phone:

Megan Ronk, *Director*

Commerce Staff Present:

Susan Davidson, *Program Manager*
Jenny Hemly, *Business Attraction Specialist*
Patrick Watson, *Business Attraction Specialist*
Kallen Hayes, *Business Attraction Specialist*
Eric Forsch, *Business Attraction Specialist*
Cindy Lee, *Grants & Contracts Officer*
Audra Fink, *Administrative Assistant*

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Arlen Wittrock called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Chairman Wittrock and Director Megan Ronk welcomed everyone, and seeing no public present, discussed immediately entering executive session.

Motion to Move to Executive Session

Chairman Wittrock announced the Council will review the details of one application for refundable tax credit under the Idaho Reimbursement Incentive Act that has been received by the Director and submitted to this Council for review. The application contains records and information exempt from public disclosure under Idaho Code §§ 9-340D(6) and 67-4708. Chairman Wittrock entertained a motion under Idaho Code § 67-2345(1)(d) to go into executive session to review the application.

Margie Watson moved to enter into executive session. Steve Meyer seconded.

Roll call vote to move into executive session:

John Craner – Aye
Steve Meyer - Aye
Margie Watson – Aye
Mick Wiskerchen – Aye
Arlen Wittrock - Aye
Robin Woods – Aye
Mark Young – Aye

With over two-thirds majority in favor of moving into executive session, the Council moved into executive session at 9:07 a.m.

Return to Public Session

Chairman Wittrock noted that the Council returned to the public session at 10:03 a.m.

Chairman Wittrock indicated the Council:

1. Reviewed and discussed the application submitted for refundable tax credits; and
2. Closed the Executive Session after discussions were concluded. The motion to close the Executive Session was made by Steve Meyer, seconded by John Craner.

Review of Tax Reimbursement Incentive for PROJECT MUSTANG

Chairman Wittrock entertained a motion for Project Mustang.

Motion:

In the matter of the application for PROJECT MUSTANG, I move that the Council approve the application and instruct the Director to enter into an agreement with PROJECT MUSTANG upon the following terms:

- A post-performance refundable tax credit which represents 21% of new state revenue for 10 years.
- Tax credit certificate issued post-performance upon review and verification by Commerce.
- No less than 50 new jobs in Ada County, or 60% of the total annual projected new jobs, whichever is greater.
- Average annual wages must equal or exceed the average county wage of \$43,028.
- Allow for a maximum two-year construction phase during the term of the agreement.
- Company must maintain operations in Idaho for the term of the agreement.
- Any additional terms deemed necessary by the Director not otherwise conflicting with the above conditions.

The motion was made by John Craner, seconded by Robin Woods.

Roll call vote to approve the TRI application for Project Mustang:

John Craner – Aye
Steve Meyer - Aye
Margie Watson – Aye
Mick Wiskerchen – Aye
Arlen Wittrock - Aye
Robin Woods – Aye
Mark Young – Aye

With a unanimous vote, the Tax Reimbursement Incentive of **21% for ten (10) years for Project Mustang was approved** and the Council asked the Director to proceed in negotiating the final contract in coordination with Commerce's Deputy Attorney General.

The company name will be announced when the company makes a formal announcement.

Final Thoughts

Chairman Wittrock asked Director Megan Ronk to please keep the council informed of Project Mustang's progress.

Megan thanked the council for their support and their willingness and flexibility to meet at an earlier date.

The next meeting will be March 24, 2016 by teleconference.

Motion:

Chairman Wittrock adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.