



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Economic Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Idaho Department of Commerce
 Thursday April 23, 2020

Members	Idaho Commerce Staff
(T) Steve Meyer, <i>Region I</i>	(T) Tom Kealey, <i>Director</i>
(T) Robin Woods, <i>Region II</i>	(T) Jake Reynolds, <i>Business Development & Operations Administrator</i>
(T) Mike Reynoldson, <i>Region III</i>	(T) Susie Davidson, <i>Business Attraction Manager</i>
(T) John Craner, <i>Region IV</i>	(T) Eric Forsch, <i>Business Ret</i>
(T) Rick Phillips, <i>Region V</i>	(T) Dennis Porter, <i>Community Development Manager</i>
(T) Mark Young, <i>Region VI</i>	(T) Ewa Szewczyk, <i>Grants and Contracts Manager</i>
(T) Dave Wilson, <i>Region VII</i>	(T) Jason Barnes, <i>Business Attraction Specialist</i>
(T) Sandy Patano, <i>At-Large</i>	(T) Mark Blaiser, <i>Grants and Contracts Operations Analyst</i>
	(T) Sharon Deal, <i>Senior Community Development Specialist</i>
	(T) Paris Dickerson, <i>Business Attraction Specialist</i>
	(T) Rylon Hofacer, <i>Senior Research Analyst</i>
	(T) Jerry Miller, <i>Business Retention and Expansion Specialist</i>
	(T) Tony Tenne, <i>Senior Community Development Specialist</i>
	(T) James Varner, <i>Community Development Analyst</i>
<i>(T) denotes via telephone</i>	

Call to Order

Co-Chair Robin Woods called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. with a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Co-Chair Robin Woods noted that the minutes for the March 26, 2020 Economic Advisory Council (EAC) meeting had been distributed and if there were no corrections, he would approve the minutes as distributed.

Motion

To Approve the meeting minutes from March 2020

Moved by: Mark Young

Seconded by: Sandy Patano

Call for Conflict of Interest

Co-Chair Robin Woods asked the Council if they have a conflict of interest and would like to recuse themselves. (No response from EAC)

Director's Welcome and New Business

Administrator Jake Reynolds welcomed EAC to the April Teleconference Meeting. Director Kealey is on the Committee that will be figuring out what the State will be doing with the 1.2 Billion dollars that Idaho will be receiving from the federal government. Commerce was ahead of the curve letting employees telecommute. The points that are being look at are consumer confidence, Economic Development. Eric Forsch is taking on the task of the Broadband office in the Department of Commerce.

Director Tippets DEQ Overview

Director Tippets gave an overview of DEQ is and how they administer the environmental laws. Director Tippets talked about the infrastructure problem throughout the country. DEQ uses a ranking system to prioritize the applications for wastewater and drinking water projects. Counties, cities, special service districts, governmental entities, and nonprofit corporations with authority to collect, treat, or dispose of sewage or industrial wastewater are eligible to participate in the Water Pollution Control State Revolving Loan Program. The loan program is a great program and has saved communities millions of dollars. May Anne Nelson explained that the soil around Moyie Springs doesn't allow for a lot of filtering, so the water goes straight to the ground water and that is why septic systems are not a great option. The federal government does not have a regulation for ground water, but Idaho State does have regulations on ground water that DEQ has to abide by. DEQ is working with Health districts throughout the State to inform people when they need to be on the cities systems.

Motion to Move to Executive Session

Chairman Meyer announced he would entertain a motion to move the Council to executive session to review the details of the TRI's proprietary scoring process ***pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) to review records exempt from public disclosure under Idaho Code Sections 74-107(6), and 67-4708.***

Dave Wilson moved to enter executive session. Rick Phillips seconded.

Roll call vote to move into executive session

Steve Meyer – Aye
Robin Woods – Aye
Mike Reynoldson – Aye
John Craner - Aye
Rick Phillips – Aye
Mark Young – Aye
Dave Wilson – Aye
Sandy Patano – Aye

With over two-thirds majority in favor, the Council moved into executive session at 10:46 a.m.

Return to Public Session

Chairman Meyer noted that the Council returned to the public session at 11:26 a.m.

Chairman Meyer indicated the Council:

1. Reviewed and discussed Project 17-18 application for a refundable tax credit; and
2. After discussions were concluded, the executive session was closed upon motion by Rick Phillips, seconded by Dave Wilson and a majority vote.

Motion

In the matter of the application for Project 17-18, I move that the Council approve the application and instruct the Director to enter into an agreement with Project 17-18 upon the following terms:

- A post-performance refundable tax credit which represents 22% of new state revenue for 11 years.
- Tax credit certificate issued post-performance upon review and verification by Commerce.
- No less than 50 new jobs, or 60% of the total annual projected new jobs, whichever is greater.
- Average annual wages must equal or exceed the average Power County wage of \$40,297.
- Company must maintain the minimum required jobs for the term of the incentive 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.

Moved by: Rick Phillips
 Seconded by: Dave Wilson

Roll Call Vote:
 Steve Meyer – Aye
 Robin Woods – Aye
 Mike Reynoldson – Aye
 John Craner – Aye
 Rick Phillips – Aye
 Mark Young – Aye
 Dave Wilson – Aye
 Sandy Patano – Aye

With two-thirds majority vote. Motion Approved.

CDBG Overview

Community Development Manager Dennis Porter gave a Power Point presentation going over the CDBG and RCIF program updates, budgets, and today's agenda items including CDBG-CV CARES funds. Dennis also explained how CDBG would like to allocate the \$4,564,590 they will receive in response to the Coronavirus. EAC would like to talk about the CDBG-CV CARES act in another EAC meeting once we get more direction.

Application Review – Public Facilities

The Community Development team went over the Public Facilities application addendums.

Application Review – Downtown Revitalization

Community Development Specialist Sharon Deal gave an overview of the Driggs Downtown Revitalization application.

Application Review – Senior / Community Center

Community Development Specialist Sharon Deal gave an overview of Senior / Community Center applications.

CDBG-CV CARES

Community Development Manager Dennis Porter went over proposed CDBG-CV CARES funds.

Motion

To fund the Public Facilities applications, Driggs Downtown Revitalization application, and the Senior / Community Center applications as recommended by the Community Development staff.

Moved by: Robin Woods
Seconded by: Mark Young
All in favor. Motion approved.

Motion

To approve \$1,658,775 of CDBG-CV CARES to be use as specified by the Community Development team.

Moved by: Dave Wilson
Seconded by: Sandy Patano
All in favor. Motion approved

Idaho Tourism Overview

Jake Reynolds gave a quick Tourism Overview.

Motion

To Close the Meeting.

Moved by: Sandy Patano
Seconded by: Dave Wilson
All in favor. Motion approved.

Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.