



C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor
Bobbi-Jo Meuleman, Director

**Economic Advisory Council Meeting
Thursday, May 24, 2018**

700 West State Street, Boise – J.R. Williams Building

Members Present:

Mike Reynoldson, *Region III*
Rick Phillips, *Region V*

Members Present Via Phone:

Steve Meyer, *Region I*
Robin Woods, *Region II*
John Craner, *Region IV*
Mark Young, *Region VI*
Dave Wilson, *Region VII*
Sandy Patano, *At-Large*

Commerce Staff Present:

Jake Reynolds, *Business Development & Operations Administrator*
Susie Davidson, *Business Attraction Manager*
Eric Forsch, *Business Retention and Expansion Manager*
Cindy Lee, *Grants & Contracts Manager*
Dennis Porter, *Community Development Manager*
Jason Barnes, *Business Attraction Specialist*
Autumn Braase, *Senior Business Attraction Specialist*
Ewa Szewczyk, *Grants & Contracts Program Specialist*
Andrea Vlassis-Zahn, *Business Attraction Specialist*
Patrick Watson, *Senior Research Analyst*

Call to Order

Vice-Chairwoman Robin Woods called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairwoman Robin Woods noted that the minutes for the April 13, 2018 Economic Advisory Council meeting had been distributed.

Motion

To approve the Economic Advisory Council April 13, 2018 meeting minutes as they have been distributed.

Moved by: Sandy Patano
Seconded by: Rick Phillips
All in favor.
Motion approved.

Welcome

Commerce Administrator Jake Reynolds, acting for the Director, welcomed and thanked the council for their time and thanked the team at Commerce for their hard work.

CDBG Application Review

Dennis Porter reintroduced the Applications from City of Shelley and City of Aberdeen Senior Center Renovation Projects. Bingham County will be the grantee for both projects. \$8,213,561 budget, \$4,589,440 left. Standby application didn't go to council. Rupert and Owyhee went straight to the Governor Otter for approval.

Motion

To approve the requested funding for City of Shelley and City of Aberdeen (both now Bingham County) in the amount of \$150,000 each.

Moved by: Sandy Patano
Seconded by: John Craner
All in favor.
Motion approved.

Tax Reimbursement Incentive Application Review

Motion to Move to Executive Session

Vice-Chairwoman Robin Woods announced she would entertain a motion to move the Council to executive session to review the details of an application for a refundable tax credit under the Idaho Reimbursement Incentive Act that have been received by the Director and submitted to this Council for review. The applications contain records and information exempt from public disclosure.

As a result, I will entertain a motion under Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) to go into executive session to review the applications.

Mark Young moved to enter into executive Session. Dave Wilson 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 2:17 p.m.

Return to Public Session

Council returned to the public session at 3:04 p.m.

The Council:

1. Reviewed and discussed Project Breeze and Project Widget application for a refundable tax credit; and Material Change for Project Verse

2. After discussions were concluded, closed the executive session upon motion by Steve Meyer seconded by Mark Young, and a majority vote.

Motion

In the matter of the application for PROJECT BREEZE 2, I move that the Council approve the application and instruct the Director to enter into an agreement with PROJECT BREEZE 2 upon the following terms:

- A post-performance refundable tax credit which represents 23% of new state revenue for 10 years.
- Tax credit certificate issued post-performance upon review and verification by Commerce.
- No less than 20 new jobs, or 60% of the total annual projected new jobs, whichever is greater.
- Average annual wages must equal or exceed the average county wage of \$35,312.
- 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.
- Subject to confirmation of community match.
- Any additional terms deemed necessary by the Director not otherwise conflicting with the above conditions.

Moved by: John Craner
Second by: Sandy Patano
All in Favor. Motion Approved.

Motion

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

- A post-performance refundable tax credit which represents 22% of new state revenue for 10 years.
- Tax credit certificate issued post-performance upon review and verification by Commerce.
- No less than 20 new jobs, or 60% of the total annual projected new jobs, whichever is greater.
- Average annual wages must equal or exceed the average county wage of \$45,210.
- 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.
- Subject to confirmation of community match.

- Any additional terms deemed necessary by the Director not otherwise conflicting with the above conditions.

Moved by: Sandy Patano
Second by: Steve Meyer
All in Favor. Motion Approved.

Motion

In the matter of the reconsideration request due to a material change to PROJECT VERSE, I move that the Council approve the reconsideration request and instruct the Director to increase the TRI offer from 22% for 9 years to 25% for 10 years. All other terms and conditions of the original offer apply.

Moved by: Mike Reynoldson
Second by: Rick Phillips
All in Favor. Motion Approved.

Vice-Chairwoman Robin Woods entertained a motion to close the meeting.

Motion

Steve Meyer moved to close the meeting. Sandy Patano seconded.
All in Favor. Motion approved.

Vice-Chairwoman Robin Woods adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.