



Brad Little, Governor  
Tom Kealey, Director

## Economic Advisory Council Meeting Minutes Idaho Department of Commerce

Wednesday, April 24, 2019  
700 West State Street, Boise – J.R. Williams Building  
Second Floor, Sawtooth Conference Room

Members	Idaho Commerce Staff
Steve Meyer, <i>Region I</i>	Tom Kealey, <i>Director</i>
(T) Robin Woods, <i>Region II</i>	Jake Reynolds, <i>Business Development &amp; Operations Administrator</i>
Mike Reynoldson, <i>Region III</i>	Dennis Porter, <i>Community Development Manager</i>
John Craner, <i>Region IV</i>	Amanda Ames, <i>Community Development Specialist</i>
Rick Phillips, <i>Region V</i>	Sharon Deal, <i>Senior Community Development Specialist</i>
Mark Young, <i>Region VI</i>	Cherié Norris, <i>Grants / Contracts Analyst</i>
Dave Wilson, <i>Region VII</i>	Tony Tenne, <i>Senior Community Development Specialist</i>
Sandy Patano, <i>At-Large</i>	James Varner, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>

*(T) denotes via telephone*

### Call to Order

Chairman Steve Meyer called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. with a quorum present.

### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Meyer noted that the minutes for the March 18, 2019 Economic Advisory Council (EAC) meeting had been distributed and if there were no corrections he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes as distributed.

### Motion

To approve the meeting minutes from the March 18, 2019 EAC meeting as they had been distributed.

Moved by: Sandy Patano

Seconded by: Dave Wilson

**All in favor. Motion Approved.**

### Call for Conflict of Interest

Chairman Meyer asked the Council if they have a conflict of interest and would like to recuse themselves. (No response from the Council)

### Director's Welcome

Director Tom Kealey welcomed the EAC back to Boise for the April EAC meeting. Director Kealey gave an update on items that the EAC impacts and an overview of Governor Little's view for the next few years. Director Kealey showed a PowerPoint on the Idaho Commerce breakdown, what has changed and what is planned for the future.

## **New Business**

Broadband was a topic for Governor Otter when he was in office and continues to be a topic for Governor Little, as discussed during this state address. Governor Little tasked Idaho Commerce with starting up a broadband taskforce to look at options to fill citizen and business broadband needs and how to go about implementing it. The task force will be announced in May and have the first meeting in June.

## **Block Grant Program Application Review & Updates**

Community Development Manager Dennis Porter gave a PowerPoint presentation on the CDBG and RCBG Programs.

## **PUBLIC FACILITIES**

### **Motion**

In the case of the 2019 applications from the City of Heyburn, City of Osburn, City of Kellogg and the City of Gooding I chose to approve.

Moved by: Mark Young

Second by: John Craner

**All in favor. Motion approved.**

## **DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION**

The Community Development team gave a brief summary on the questions and concerns the Council gave moving the Downtown applications to the addendum stage.

The Council would like to know if there is a way the CDBG team can encourage smart steps that will help the cities applying for downtown funds to have a plan to improve their downtown by attracting businesses.

### **Community Presentation – City of Kuna**

Presentation by the City of Kuna requesting \$500,000 for phase 2 of their downtown projects going from Avenue C to Main Street.

### **Community Presentation – City of Mountain Home**

Presentation by the City of Mountain Home requesting \$500,000 for phase 2 and 3 with full support of the Mayor and the city council.

*Robin Woods joined the meeting by phone at 10:30*

## **JOB CREATION**

### **Community Presentation – City of Orofino**

Presentation by the City of Orofino and SJX founder Steve Stajkowski requesting \$300,000 RCBG funds. The request will cover 38% of the project with 62% coming from the community.

### **Motion**

Move to fund the Orofino Business Center Expansion.

Moved by: Sandy Patano  
Seconded by: Robin Woods  
**All in favor. Motion Approved.**

**Motion**

Move to fund the downtown revitalization applications of Mountain Home and Kuna.

Moved by: Dave Wilson  
Second by: Mark Young  
**All in favor. Motion approved.**

*Robin Woods left the meeting 12:40*

**DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION (continued)**

**Community Presentation – City of McCall**

Presentation by the City of McCall requesting \$750,300 for the 4-block core of McCall.

**Motion**

Move to approve the application from McCall.

Moved by: Rick Phillips  
Seconded by Dave Wilson  
**All in favor. Motion approved.**

*Robin Woods rejoined the meeting by phone at 1:30.*

**Senior/Community Center**

Dennis Porter gave an over view of the senior community center scoring process. The CDBG team gave a brief summary of the senior community center applications from Bear Lake County, Blaine County, City of Plummer and City of Preston.

**Motion**

To approve the Bear Lake senior center application.

Moved by: Mark Young  
Seconded by: Dave Wilson  
**All in favor Motion approved**

**Motion**

To approve the senior center application from Blain County.

Moved by: Dave Wilson  
Second by: John Craner  
**All in favor. Motion approved**

**Motion**

In the case of the city of Plummer application to give a 6-month standby window for additional documentation and to not approve the application at this time.

Moved by: Mark Young

Seconded by: John Craner

**All in favor. Motion approved**

**Motion**

To not fund the community center application from Preston.

Moved by: John Craner

Seconded by: Sandy Patano

Steve Meyer – Aye

Robin Woods – Aye

Mike Reynoldson – Aye

John Craner – Aye

Rick Phillips – Nay

Mark Young – Aye

Dave Wilson – Aye

Sandy Patano – Aye

**With two thirds majority vote, motion approved.**

**Motion**

To close the meeting.

Moved by: Dave Wilson

Seconded by: Sandy Patano

**All in favor. Motion approved.**

**Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.**