



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Economic Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Idaho Department of Commerce
Thursday February 25, 2021

| Members | Idaho Commerce Staff |
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| (T) John Craner, <i>Region IV</i> | (T) Tom Kealey, <i>Director</i> |
| (T) Steve Meyer, <i>Region I</i> | (T) Jake Reynolds, <i>Business Development & Operations Administrator</i> |
| (T) Paul Kimmell, <i>Region II</i> | (T) Karen Appelgren, <i>Business Retention and Expansion Manager</i> |
| (T) Mike Reynoldson, <i>Region III</i> | (T) Susie Davidson, <i>Business Attraction Manager</i> |
| (T) Rick Phillips, <i>Region V</i> | (T) Dennis Porter, <i>Community Development Manager</i> |
| (T) Donna O’Kelly, <i>Region VI</i> | (T) Ewa Szewczyk, <i>Grants and Contracts Manager</i> |
| (T) Dave Wilson, <i>Region VII</i> | (T) Mark Blaiser, <i>Business Attraction Specialist</i> |
| | (T) Magaly Carrillo, <i>Community Development Analyst</i> |
| | (T) Rylon Hofacer, <i>Senior Research Analyst</i> |
| | (T) Cathy Perry, <i>Grants and Contracts Operations Analyst</i> |
| | (T) Tony Tenne, <i>Senior Community Development Specialist</i> |
| <i>(T) denotes via telephone</i> | (T) James Varner, <i>Community Development Analyst</i> |

Call to Order

Chairman John Craner called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. with a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Craner noted that the minutes for the January 28, 2021 Economic Advisory Council (EAC) meeting had been distributed and if there were no corrections, he would approve the minutes as distributed.

Moved by: Rick Phillips

Seconded By: Paul Kimmell

All in favor. Motion approved.

Call for Conflict of Interest

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

Director’s Welcome

Director Kealey introduced and welcomed Donna O’Kelly the new Region VI EAC member. Donna introduced herself and told EAC a little about her background. Director Kealey gave EAC an update on Commerce and what is going on around the State of Idaho. Jake Reynolds informed EAC that the Deputy Attorney General will join the meeting in March and in the Fall for the benefit of the new EAC members.

Motion to Move to Executive Session

Chairman Craner 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.*

Steve Meyer moved to enter executive session. Rick Phillips seconded.

Roll call vote to move into executive session

John Craner – Aye

Steve Meyer – Aye

Paul Kimmell – Aye

Mike Reynoldson – Aye

Rick Phillips – Aye

Donna O'Kelly – Aye

Dave Wilson – Aye

With over two-thirds majority in favor, the Council moved into executive session at 2:26 p.m.

Return to Public Session

Chairman Craner noted that the Council returned to the public session at 2:56 p.m.

Chairman Craner indicated the Council:

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

Motion

In the matter of the application for Project Westing, I move that the Council approve the application and instruct the Director to enter into an agreement with Project Westing 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, or 60% of the total annual projected new jobs, whichever is greater.
- Average annual wages must equal or exceed the average county wage of \$50,464.00.
- 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: Mike Reynoldson
Seconded by: Rick Phillips
All in favor. Motion approved.

CDBG CARES Application Review

Community Development Manager Dennis Porter gave a Power Point presentation on the CARES Act that provide CDBG-CV CARES dollars that are used to respond to the COVID-19. Dennis Porter walked EAC through the CARES scoring sheet that shows the application scores for Blaine County and Adams County.

Community Development Analyst Magaly Carrillo went over the Blaine County application requesting \$49,911 for a meals on wheels vehicle.

Community Development Senior Specialist Tony Tenne went over the Adams County application requesting \$350,000 for a mobile medical clinic vehicle and equipment for examinations, testing and diagnostics capabilities.

Motion

To approve the CDBG-CV CARES applications from Blaine County requesting \$49,911 and Adams County requesting \$350,000.

Moved by: Paul Kimmell
Seconded by: Dave Wilson
All in favor. Motion approved.

New Business

EAC gave an update on their respective region.

Motion

To close the meeting.

Moved by: Steve Meyer
Seconded by: Dave Wilson
All in favor. Motion approved.

Chairman Craner adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.