



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Economic Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Idaho Department of Commerce
Thursday May 27, 2021

Members	Idaho Commerce Staff
(T) John Craner, <i>Region IV</i>	(T) Tom Kealey, <i>Director</i>
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) Jason Barnes, <i>Business Attraction Specialist</i>
(T) Dave Wilson, <i>Region VII</i>	(T) Mark Blaiser, <i>Business Attraction Specialist</i>
(T) Sandy Patano, <i>At-Large</i>	(T) Magaly Carrillo, <i>Community Development Analyst</i>
	(T) Cathy Perry, <i>Grants and Contracts Operations Analyst</i>
	(T) Tony Tenne, <i>Senior Community Development Specialist</i>
(T) denotes via telephone	(T) James Varner, <i>Community Development Analyst</i>

Call to Order

Chairman John Craner called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Craner noted that the minutes for the April 22, 2021, Economic Advisory Council (EAC) meeting had been distributed and if there were no corrections, he would approve the minutes as distributed.

Moved by: Sandy Patano

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 welcomed EAC to the May meeting. Director Kealey gave an update on what is going on around the State of Idaho and with the Department of Commerce.

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.***

Dave Wilson moved to enter executive session. Steve Meyer 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

Sandy Patano – Aye

With over two-thirds majority in favor, the Council moved into executive session at 2:14 p.m.

Return to Public Session

Chairman Craner noted that the Council returned to the public session at 3:30 p.m.

Chairman Craner indicated the Council:

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

Motion

In the matter of the application for Project Chipmunk, I move that the Council reject the application for failure to meet statutory application requirement of the award being critical to the businesses proposed move. Project Chipmunk may reapply for a tax credit by submitting a new application to the Director.

Moved by: Steve Meyer

Seconded by: Dave Wilson

Roll call vote:

John Craner – Aye

Steve Meyer – Aye

Paul Kimmell – Aye

Mike Reynoldson – Aye

Rick Phillips – Aye

Donna O’Kelly – Aye

Dave Wilson – Aye

Sandy Patano – Aye

All in favor. Motion approved.

Community Development Post Disaster Application Review

Community Development Manager Dennis Porter presented a Power Point presentation to EAC going over the PY2021 budget and the Post Disaster application qualifications. Senior Community Development Specialist Tony Tenne went over the Valley County Post Disaster application with EAC.

Motion

To approve Valley County Post Disaster application.

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

Motion

To close the meeting.

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

Chairman Craner adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.