



Brad Little, Governor  
Tom Kealey, Director

**Economic Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Idaho Department of Commerce**  
Thursday October 27, 2022

Members	Idaho Commerce Staff
Jeremy Grimm, <i>Region I</i>	Tom Kealey, <i>Director</i>
(T) Paul Kimmell, <i>Region II</i>	Jake Reynolds, <i>Business Development &amp; Operations Administrator</i>
Brian Wonderlich <i>Region III</i>	Dennis Porter, <i>Community Development Manager</i>
(T) Randy Bauscher <i>Region IV</i>	(T) Cathy Perry, <i>Grants and Contract Operations Analyst</i>
Rick Phillips, <i>Region V</i>	Cody Allred, <i>Public Information Specialist</i>
(T) John Radford <i>Region VI</i>	
(T) Dave Wilson <i>Region VII</i>	
(T) Eve Knudtsen <i>At-Large</i>	
(T) denotes via telephone	

**Call to Order**

Chair Rick Phillips called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

**Directors Welcome**

100% council attendance

TRI project and Department updates for Business Retention and Expansion, Business Attraction Group, Tourism, and the successful increase of Boise Entrepreneurs Week participation this year. Headed back to the legislature this year for an increase in spending authority for Tourism and Broadband.

Introduction of Ramon Hobdey-Sanchez as the new Broadband Manager.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Rick Phillips noted that the minutes for the August 4, 2022, Economic Advisory Council (EAC) meeting had been distributed and if there were no corrections, he would approve the minutes as distributed.

Moved by: Paul Kimmell

Seconded By: Randy Bauscher

**All in favor. Motion approved.**

Chair Rick Phillips announced that the City of Boise has postponed their presentation of the Day Shelter for the Homeless application. Therefore, they will not present their application to us today.

### **Community Development Overview and Budget Review**

Community Development Manager Dennis Porter gave a Power Point presentation going over CDBG, CDBG CARES, and RCIF with EAC.

### **CDBG Overview of park applications**

Dennis Porter provided overview of park applications and staff recommendations for funding.

### **Motion**

To approve of project applications as per staff recommendations for Rathdrum, Hansen, Teton, Roberts Potlatch, Clifton.

Moved by: Jeremy Grimm

Seconded By: Eve Knudtsen

**All in favor. Motion approved.**

**Dennis Porter provided an overview of the Aberdeen wastewater application and staff recommendation.**

### **Motion**

**To approve the City of Aberdeen application at \$500,000.00**

Moved by: Brian Wonderlich

Seconded By: Randy Bauscher

**All in favor. Motion approved.**

### **Motion**

**To allocate CARES funding for qualified or approved park projects and to use the CARES funding for any other qualified, already approved CDBG projects that will be able to expend the funds within the appropriate timeline.**

Moved by: Brian Wonderlich

Seconded By: Eve Knudtsen

**All in favor. Motion approved.**

### **Public Comment**

none

### **New Business**

**Regional updates from EAC Council members.**

**Scheduled next EAC meeting for November 17, 2022, December 22, 2022, and January 25, & 26, 2023**

**Chairman Rick Phillips adjourned the meeting at (3:58) p.m.**