



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Economic Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Idaho Department of Commerce
Thursday, January 26, 2023

Members	Idaho Commerce Staff
(Z) Jeremy Grimm, <i>Region I</i>	Tom Kealey, <i>Director</i>
(Z) Paul Kimmell, <i>Region II</i>	Dennis Porter, <i>Community Development Manager</i>
(Z) Brian Wonderlich <i>Region III</i>	Ewa Szewczyk, <i>Grants and Contract Manager</i>
(Z) Randy Bauscher <i>Region IV</i>	(Z) Cathy Perry, <i>Grants and Contract Operations Analyst</i>
Rick Phillips, <i>Region V</i>	Tony Tenne, <i>Community Development Senior Specialist</i>
(Z) John Radford <i>Region VI</i>	Dani Parmenter <i>Community Development Specialist</i>
(Z) Dave Wilson <i>Region VII</i>	Bonnie Dodson, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
(Z) Eve Knudtsen <i>At-Large</i>	
(Z) denotes via Zoom	

Call to Order

Co-Chair Paul Kimmell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Paul Kimmell noted that the minutes for the October 27, 2022, Economic Advisory Council (EAC) meeting had been distributed and if there were no corrections, he would approve the minutes as distributed.

Moved by: Jeremy Grimm

Seconded by: Randy Bauscher

All in favor. Motion approved.

Director Kealey Welcome

100% council attendance.

Spending authority with increase of lodging taxes-requesting

Broadband, 35 million available Middle Mile Port of Lewiston Project. Project in Star 20 million state funds and federal.

Director Kealey briefed the Council on current affairs within Commerce, which included the Governor Trade Commission to Taiwan, 2023 Shot Show in Las Vegas, Capital for the Day in Weiser, Rule Economic Study. Director Kealey responded to any questions from the Council.

Copies of Annual Report will be distributed to council members and have already been distributed to Legislature.

Budget Overview

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

CDBG/RCIF Application Overview

Dennis Porter, Dani Parmenter and Tony Tenne provided an overview of the applications and staff recommendations for funding.

City of Burley RCIF Presentation

City officials presented their job creation project to the EAC. The City requested \$460,000.00 in RCIF funding to assist them in an improvement with the electrical system that will serve Suntado.

Decisions for Applications ACTION ITEM

To approve proposal for City of Burley RCIF Project

Moved by: Paul Kimmell

Seconded by: Eve Knudtsen

All in favor. Motion approved.

PUBLIC FACILITY APPLICATION Discussion Vote.

To approve proposal for Mountain Home Application

Brian Wonderlich recused himself for potential conflict of interest and stated he would not vote

Moved by: Jeremy Grimm

Seconded by: Randy Bauscher

7 of 8 were in favor. Motion approved.

To approve proposal for Clark Fork

Jeremy Grimm recused himself for potential conflict of interest and stated he would not vote.

Moved by: Paul Kimmell

Seconded by: Randy Bauscher

7 of 8 were in favor. Motion approved.

To approve to follow the staff recommendations on all of the applications, and to not advance the Chubbuck application.

Moved by: Randy Bauscher

Seconded by: Eve Knudtsen

All in favor. Motion approved.

Downtown Revitalization Application Discussion/Vote

To approve proposal for Jerome Project

Moved by: Randy Bauscher

Seconded by: Paul Kimmell

All in favor. Motion approved.

Blaine County Charitable Fund

To approve proposal for Blaine County Charitable Fund Application for \$250,000 in CDBG CARES Funding

Moved by: Dave Wilson

Seconded by: Jeremy Grimm

All in favor. Motion approved.

REDUCE MAXIMUM CDBG AWARD

Make a motion to lower the maximum CDBG amount available FOR Senior/Community Center and Public Parks applications from \$250,000 to \$245,000.

Moved by: Jeremy Grimm

Seconded by: Eve Knudtsen

All in favor. Motion approved.

Chairman Rick Phillips adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.