



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Economic Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Idaho Department of Commerce
Thursday, March 23, 2023

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

Call to Order

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

No conflicts of interest for today's agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Jeremy Grimm noted correction to the January minutes. Motion made to accept January 24, 2023 minutes with noted correction.

Moved by: Jeremy Grimm

Seconded by: Randy Bauscher

All in favor. Motion approved.

Director Kealey Welcome

Director Kealey reports that they received their broadband spending budget from the legislature with a bump up to 27 million. ARPA spending was also approved giving a healthy increase to tourism in Idaho. Community Development Grants of about \$8 million was approved.

Property tax relief is going through the legislature right now as well as IDPR budget.

“Capital for a Day” has been happening around the state and the Governor has been taking his cabinet into rural areas of Idaho. Have experienced a good turnout.

Took a tour of the TrueWest facility last week and they were really thankful for the TRI support.

The Director states that they will have a rural success summit in Weiser to emphasize resources that benefit rural Idaho April 18-19. Working closely with the women's business center and the rural ag center.

Idaho Tax Reimbursement Incentive Application; Project Purpose

Susie Davidson

The Council moves to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) to review records exempt from public disclosure under Idaho Code Section 74-107(1), 74-107(6), and/or 67-4708 at 2:10 p.m.

Moved by: Eve Knudtsen
Seconded by: Jeremy Grimm
All in favor and so moved.

The Council moves to exit out of Executive Session.

Moved by: Randy Bauscher
Seconded by: Jahn Radford
All in favor and so moved.

The Council reviewed and discussed the application and after the discussion, closed the executive session.

The Council moves to approve the Idaho Tax Reimbursement Incentive application and instruct the director to enter into the agreement with following terms:

Moved by: Jeremy Grimm
Seconded by: Randy Bauscher
All in favor and so moved.

EAC Governance

Andy Snook, General Council, DAG, gives an overview of EAC Governance, Conflicts of Interest, Open Meeting laws, Confidentiality, Public Records Requests, Executive Session. DA Snook shares a presentation with EAC.

Regarding records retention, Ewa Szewczyk clarified that they keep contracts for at least 3 years after they expire.

John Radford asked for clarification about having information on a personal device. DA Snook states that the if information pertaining to EAC is on a personal device then it is not necessarily protected from public record.

DA Snook discusses open meeting laws and executive session. Most of the time that EAC will go into executive session will be due to the need to review business records related to tax incentive applications. He notes that when in executive session, must stay on topic, not to stray from the topic, keep it as short as possible, not make any decisions in executive session, and then make a motion to go back into public session. He also covers executive session violations and the remedies for such.

Ewa Szewczyk states she is the compliance arm for EAC and if the council members have any other questions to feel free to reach out to her. She also provides statute language for council members to use to approve, deny, or ask for more information for motions.

DA Snook covers ethics statutes which are focused on the pecuniary benefits for the public and making good decisions that are beneficial to the public.

Ewa Szewczyk states that each year the ethic forms need to be signed and returned. Electronic signatures are acceptable.

New Business

Losing two council members and open to recommendations. Also need to think about who wants to be the new chair.

Chairman Rick Phillips adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Moved: Jeremy Grimm

Seconded: Randy Bauscher

All in favor and so moved.