



Brad Little, Governor  
Tom Kealey, Director

**Economic Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Idaho Department of Commerce**  
Thursday, April 27, 2023

Members	Idaho Commerce Staff
(Z) Jeremy Grimm, <i>Region I</i>	(Z) Tom Kealey, <i>Director (joined from Washington DC)</i>
(Z) Paul Kimmell, <i>Region II</i>	Jake Reynolds, <i>Business Development &amp; Operations Administrator</i>
(A) Brian Wonderlich <i>Region III</i>	Dennis Porter, <i>Community Development Manager</i>
(Z) Randy Bauscher <i>Region IV</i>	Ewa Szewczyk, <i>Grants and Contract Manager</i>
Rick Phillips, <i>Region V</i>	(Z) Cathy Perry, <i>Grants and Contract Operations Analyst</i>
(Z) John Radford <i>Region VI</i>	Tony Tenne, <i>Community Development Specialist Senior</i>
(Z) Dave Wilson, <i>Region VII</i>	Dani Permenter, <i>Community Development Specialist</i>
(A) Eve Knudtsen <i>At-Large</i>	Bonnie Dodson, <i>Administrative Assistant II</i>
(A) <i>Absent</i>	
(Z) <i>denotes via zoom meeting</i>	

**Call to Order**

Chair Rick Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

Jake shared Director Kealey is in Washington DC. Requests have been approved from EAC. Chairman Rick last meeting. Will be looking for Chair candidates.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Rick Phillips noted that the minutes for the March 23, 2023 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: Paul Kimmell

**All in favor. Motion approved.**

**Call for Conflict of Interest** – None presented

**CDBG CARES & RCIF Budget Overview**

Power Point presentation attached.

Staff asked if EAC would want to incentivize cities or counties to apply for fire engines by adding additional points to the application. EAC is interested in the concept. Staff will provide examples at next EAC meeting in July.

CARES fund deadline has been extended three years. Staff presented the EAC with options for the 6.6 million in CARES funding. These options included public park investments, medical vehicles, and other qualifying opportunities. EAC also requested staff to look at possible funding opportunities for Health Districts.

### **CDBG Application Overview**

Staff reviewed the 12 public facility applications and identified which projects should receive 2022 funding and which projects should receive 2023 funding.

### **Community Presentation**

City of Jerome presented their downtown project at 2:30 pm requesting \$500,000 to make downtown improvements - Phase B.

David Davis, Mayor, Mike Williams, City Administrator, Tyson Carpenter, City Engineer

Moved by: Paul Kimmell

Seconded by: Randy Bauscher

**All in favor. Motion approved.**

The Council then resumed the public facility review with staff and voted.

Moved by: Jeremy Grimm

Seconded by: Randy Bauscher to approve the projects as presented.

**All in favor. Motion approved.**

### **Review of Senior Center and Community Center Projects**

EAC moved to follow staff recommendations which was in favor of Bear Lake County Senior Center and to decline St. Maries Community Center.

Moved by: Paul Kimmell

Seconded by: Jeremy Grimm

**All in favor. Motion approved.**

### **New Business**

No New Business

**Scheduled next EAC meeting for May 25, 2023** (in person for Rick celebration) June 22, 2023 last one for fiscal year.

**Chairman Rick Phillips adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.**