



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Economic Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Idaho Department of Commerce
April 25, 2024

Members	Idaho Commerce Staff
(T) Jeremy Grimm, <i>Region I</i>	Tom Kealey, Director
(T) Paul Kimmell, <i>Region II</i>	Jake Reynolds, Business Development & Operations Administrator
(T) Brian Wonderlich <i>Region III</i>	Ewa Szewczyk, Grants and Contract Manager
(T) Randy Bauscher <i>Region IV</i>	Dani Parmenter, Community Development Specialist
(T) Fred Titensor, <i>Region V</i>	(T) Cathy Perry, Grants and Contract Operations Analyst
(T) John Radford <i>Region VI</i>	(A) Maribel Saucedo-Gonzalez
<i>Vacant Region VII</i>	Tony Tenne, Community Development Specialist
(A) Eve Knudtsen <i>At-Large</i>	Dennis Porter, Community Development Manager
	(T) Mindy Peper, Event Planner contractor
(A) <i>Absent</i>	
(T) <i>denotes via zoom meeting</i>	

Call to Order

Chairman Paul Kimmell called the meeting to order at 8:42 AM with a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Paul Kimmell asked for motion to approve minutes as is.

Moved by: Randy Bauscher

Seconded by: Fred Titensor

Motion approved.

Call for Conflict of Interest

Chair Paul Kimmell: confirms conflict of interest with Shoshone County project.

Directors Welcome and Update:

- Micron expansion-\$15 billion investment, 30,000 direct and indirect jobs, increase in supply chain opportunities
- Legislation for IGEM
- Idaho Rural Partnership

- Broadband Connectivity (BEAD Program)
- Commerce Organizational Changes
- Tech Hub projects
- New Trade Office in Japan, collaboration with Idaho Department of Agriculture.
- Future EAC Meeting update

Dennis Porter presents CDBG Budget and Application Overview updates:

- Budgets for:
 - CDBG (regular),
 - CDBG CARES,
 - RCIF
- Project review concerning:
 - CDBG (regular) for Public Facilities (8),
 - CDBG (regular) for Downtown Revitalization (3),
 - CDBG (regular) for Senior / Community Center (3),
 - CDBG (CARES) Job Creation (1) and Public Service (1),
 - RCIF Job Creation

Community Presentations:

Community presentations for Downtown Revitalization Projects from City of Blackfoot, Payette, Orofino, and RCIF Application- *Shoshone County.

***Chairman Paul Kimmel** abstained from this vote due to potential conflict of interest.

Dennis' team presents recommendations: CARES, Public Facility, and Senior/Community Centers.

Chairman Paul Kimmell: Motion to accept and approve all funding recommendations made by community partners and commerce staff, except for Valley County and Shoshone County projects.

Moved by: Jeremy Grimm
Seconded by: John Radford
Motion approved.

Chairman Paul Kimmell: Motion to accept and approve funding for Shoshone County RCIF application.

Moved by: Jeremy Grimm
Seconded by: John Radford
Abstains: Paul Kimmel
Motion approved.

Chairman Paul Kimmell: Motion to table the Valley County Senior/Community Center project until commerce staff can work with Valley County on new LMI numbers.

Moved by: Randy Bauscher

Seconded by: Fred Titensor

Motion approved.

Jake Reynolds- EAC Governance: Region 7 potential candidate, potential elections for new chair and vice chair next meeting. Term limit discussion.

New Business:

None.

Chairman Kimmell: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Brian Wonderlich

Seconded by: Randy Bauscher

Motion Approved

Meeting adjourns at 12:55 PM