



Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

Economic Development District (EDD) Board Meeting

January 26, 2023

Conference Call Only ("Present" means on the call")

Council & EDD Board Members Present:

Alyssa Shenk, Town of Snowmass Village
Corry Mihm, Summit Prosperity Initiative
DiAnn Butler, Grand County EDD
Jeanne McQueeney, Eagle County
Chris Romer, Vail Valley Partnership
Tim Redmond, Routt County
Kris Mattera, Basalt Chamber
Jon Bristol, RCEDP
Glenn Drummond, Town of Basalt
Josh Blanchard, Summit County
Melanie Leaverton, Jackson County Tourism
Ashley Macdonald, Town of Kremmling
John Bristol, Routt County EDD
Tim Redmond, Routt County

Others Present:

Christina Oxley, CDLE
Erin McCuskey, SBDC
Carolyn Tucker, Co Workforce

NWCCOG Staff:

Becky Walter
Talai Shirey
Jon Stavney
Rachel Tuyn
Nate Walowitz

Call to Order:

DiAnn Butler, EDD Chair, called the Economic Development District (EDD) Board meeting to order at 12:31 pm. Roundtable introductions were completed, and a quorum was present for the group.

Approval of October EDD Board Meeting Minutes

Corry Mihm was misspelled on October Meeting Minutes. No other concerns.

M/S: Corry Mihm/Melanie Leaverton to approve the October 2022 EDD Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Passed: Yes

Approval of December 2022 EDD Board Meeting Minutes

No concerns. Patti Clapper to sign the December 2022 meeting minutes.

M/S: Patti Clapper/Josh Blanchard to approve the December 2022 EDD Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Passed: Yes

Election of the Board

- Chair, DiAnn Butler agreed to a second term
- Vice Chair, Patti Clapper, agreed to a second term
- New Secretary – Ashley Macdonald, Kremmling

M/S: Glenn Drummond/Ingrid Wussow to approve the election of EDD Board

Passed: Yes

Planning Partnership Grant

NWCCOG received invitation to apply for the Partnership grant. Rachel requested board approval to submit the application of this grant for \$210K over a three-year term. Also asking Chair to grant EDD Director approval to submit grants via Grant.gov.

M/S: Corry Mihm/Ingrid Wussow move to approve application to EDA for three-year partnership grant, in conjunction; authorize Rachel to submit grants via Grant.gov

Passed: Yes

EDD Bylaw Review

EDA had specific formula of EDD Board make up. Five years ago, the EDA updated requirements requiring an economic district organization must make up with a broad pool of representative. Recommended changes in the Bylaws:

- Add Routt County, to minimalize changes it was recommended to remove the i.e. so as not to require updates any time a jurisdiction changes.
- Replace teleconferencing bullet with NWCCOG Remote Meeting Attendance
- Add voting clarifications, everyone on the board receives a vote despite being from the same jurisdiction
- Replace the two last bullets with EDA’s definition of membership to ensure all membership are invited as stakeholders

Rachel will rewrite the Bylaws and bring to the March EDD Board meeting for approval.

EDD Board Roster edits

Glen Drummond, Basalt
Ashley Macdonald, Kremmling
Erin McCuskey – SBDC
Routt County

Workforce Update

Carolyn Tucker and Christina Oxley, CO Workforce introduction to new members.

Unemployment rates are under 3.4% in the region. The state demographers will be updating numbers and will be ready to present in March.

PHEL (Covid Leave) Declaration expires on April 11; extending COVID leave time through May 10th.

Long Term demographic trends affecting the workforce continue (increased retirements, decreased birth rates, aging populations, slow population growth).

Workforce Update

Economic Development Admin is having a conference 4/10-12, 2023 in Denver at Curtis Hotel.

<https://www.nado.org/2023denverconference/>

Trent from EDA and Margie Joy from CHAFA will both present at the March meeting.

Please send future meeting agenda items to Rachel.

Adjournment:

M/S: Alyssa Shenk / Ingrid Wussow adjourned the EDD meeting at 2:02 pm.

Passed: Yes

DiAnn Butler, EDD Chair

Date