



Northwest Colorado Council of Governments

Economic Development District (EDD) Board Meeting

March 23, 2023

Council & EDD Board Members Present:

Josh Blanchard, Summit County
Erin McCuskey, SBDC
Tim Redmond, Routt County
Geoff Grimmer, Town of Eagle
Corry Mihm, Summit Chamber
Erin Young, CWDC
Watkins Fulk-Gray, Glenwood Springs
Randy George, Grand County
Britta Gustafson, Snowmass Village
Kris Mattera, Basalt Chamber
Chris Romer, Vail Valley Partnership
John Bristol, Routt County EDP
Melanie Leaverton, Jackson County

Other Present:

Carolyn Tucker, CDLE
Trent Thomson, EDA
Dan Kojetin, EDA
Margie Joy, CHFA
Matt Kireker, Sen. Bennet

NWCCOG Staff:

Talai Shirey
Rachel Tuyn
Jon Stavney
Jon Godes

Call to Order:

Patti Clapper called the Economic Development District (EDD) Board meeting to order at 12:30 pm. Roundtable introductions were completed, and quorum was confirmed.

Approval of January 2023 EDD Board Meeting Minutes

M/S: Tim Redmond/Josh Blanchard to approve January 2023 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Passed: Yes

Approval of amended EDD Bylaws

The EDD Bylaws were amended as discussed at the January meeting.

M/S: Randy George/Tim Redmond to approve as presented.

Trent Thompson and Dan Kojetin, Economic Development for Colorado

EDA is a funnel of opportunities available including:

- Public Works Economic Adjustment Assistance (90% of annual EDA budget)
 - CO Now Program focused on workforce development (allowed to use as match)
- University Center Program (includes all public, higher education)
- Build to Scale – National competition, no eligibility required, technology startup funding including administration seed funding.
 - Loveland Incubator Warehouse Hub is a good example of how EDA can help.
- Tech Hub with a specific number of them required to be located in rural areas for advanced technology (\$500M appropriated).
- America Recompets – Rural area with high unemployment; Colorado may not qualify.

Trent is available to discuss these in further detail for jurisdictions who need assistance.

Dan discussed Planning Partnership Program which helps fund Economic Development Districts through the SEDS process. The grant is planning to move from yearly to 3-year cycle so EDD's can look at long term initiatives.

CHFA Presentation

Margie Joy, Community Relationship Manager for CHFA discussed how they partner with local communities through homeownership, rental housing, business lending and other community partnerships. In addition, three times a year CHFA offers direct effect grants for nonprofit organizations; you may find grant information on the CHFA website. Please reach out to Margie if you have any questions mjoy@chfainfo.com

Workforce Update

Chris Oxley provided a labor market analysis; the information is now available on demand per county at www.nwcworkforce.cdle.co.

Erin McCuskey, SBDC provided a reminder of the resources for small business around the region SBDC provides. New structuring at SBDC with new leadership that will modernize and market the SBDC.

Adjournment:

M/S: Geoff Grimmer/Josh Blanchard adjourned the EDD meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Passed: Yes

Patti Clapper

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Patti Clapper, NWCCOG Vice Chair

Jun 4, 2023

Date







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