

Southern Colorado Economic Development District

Meeting Agenda

Board of Directors

ZOOM meeting

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order.....Chair Terry Hart
2. Introductions Terry Hart
New people: Cheryl Sanchez, Leslie Mastroianni, Jacqueline Armendariz
3. Approval of minutes for September 8 and September 22, 2021Chair
4. Financial transition to VenturePack for bookkeeping..... Jane Fraser, Treasurer
5. Grant report..... Eric Gubelman
 - A. EDA Broadband grant—Received, April 1 likely start date
 - B. Build Back Better—Denied, went to Innosphere on Front Range
 - C. SBA Community Navigator—Received, started December 1
 - D. Custer County EDA Broadband—SCEDD has taken responsibility for submittal
 - E. Custer County Part Deux
 - F. CHFA and OEDIT grants--\$45,000 in total grant award received for RLF study
 - G. Potential \$1 million grant to SBDC for Revolving Loan fund for City of Pueblo
 - H. Huerfano grants
 - I. Others
6. State of SCEDD and Budget presentation.....Eric Gubelman and various
7. 2022 Preliminary Budget Eric Gubelman
8. Closed session request Chair
Purposes of closed session are to discussion employment status and hiring of personnel and Executive Director compensation
9. Return from closed session and action items
10. Other business
11. Adjourn

DRAFT Minutes Wed Sept 8 Board Meeting

Call to order (Hart)

10:00 am

Attendance: Blaine Arbuthnot, Carlton Croft, Debbie Bell, Caroline Trani, Jane Fraser, Kevin Keilbach, Ron Cook, Charles Bogle, Jake Rishavy, Tom Grasmick, Terry Hart, Spike Ausmus, Mary Jo Tesitor, Rob Obquist, Donald Oswald, Danelle Berg, Stephanie Gonzales, Cindy McCloud

Proxies received from Marisa Stoller, Roy Elliot, Kevin Day

Staff: Eric Gubelman, Michael Yerman, Bob Kennemer, Brent Frazee, Miriam Neff

EDS Update (Yerman)

Editorial Committee: Marla Akridge, Carlton Croft, Jane Fraser, Danelle Berg

Committee scheduled to meet in Pueblo on Friday Sept 10 10 am to 2 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Other board members who wish to attend are invited to do so.

Access to Capital Update (Gubelman)

No board action required

Housing Update (Yerman)

No board action required

October EDA Grant Update (Gubelman)

Broadband and DOLA

Build Back Better (Notice of Funding Opportunity)

Tourism (Notice of Funding Opportunity)

Jake Rishavy shared the following links from Fading West, a building company located in Beuna Vista that is addressing state wide housing shortages and local workforce development.

[Fading West Construction | Fading West Development — Fading West Development](#)

<https://vimeo.com/507642551>

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No board action required

Broadband Update (Gubelman)

Kevin Keilbach will work with Eric and Terry to contact Pueblo city council regarding broadband buy-in

Motion: To authorize SCEDD staff to move forward on broadband with the participation of a minimum of 1 county per sub region and threshold of 650K in committed ARPA funds; move towards hiring staff to address broadband and form a hiring committee too assist in hiring decisions.

Motion to approve: Blaine Arbuthnot; 2nd Jane Fraser; motion pass

Grant Writer and Planning Update (Gubelman)

Discussed in context of broadband update above

No board action required.

Closed Session Requested (Hart)

Discuss employment status and hiring of personnel, and executive director compensation

Motion to move to closed session: Ron Cook; 2nd Charles Bogle
Session closed at 12:35

Return from Closed Session (Hart)

Approximately 1:02 pm

Draft motion:

Adjourn (Hart)

Adjourn approximately 1:09 pm

Minutes Wed September 22 Special Board Meeting

Call to order (Chair Hart)

10:02 am

Attendance: Blaine Arbuthnot, Marla Akridge, Carlton Croft, Jane Fraser, Kevin Keilbach, Ron Cook, Jake Rishavy, Kim MacDonnell, Tom Grasmick, Roy Elliot, Terry Hart, Spike Ausmus, Rob Obquest, Rusty Granzella, Mary Jo Tesitor, Rob Obquist, Danelle Berg, Cindy McCloud

No proxies received

Staff: Eric Gubelman, Michael Yerman, Brent Frazee, Miriam Neff

CEDS Update (M. Yerman)

Staff are waiting on final comments on county projects sheets, sent to counties on Sept 21. Miriam is working with Pueblo city and county staff to edit Pueblo County contributions. Should the editing committee make a final pass on the CEDS or direct staff to finalize clean up?

Spike Ausmus, motion to approve CEDS in final form with caveat that staff is directed to conduct final clean up; Ron Cook, 2nd; all approve

Broadband and Grant Update (E. Gubelman)

Notify board that SCEDD staff have achieved minimum \$650,000 threshold, and minimum participation of one county from each sub-region, as directed by the Board of Directors at September 8 general board meeting. As of September 22, SCEDD has received total commitment of \$661,451 from Baca, Chaffee, Crowley, Huerfano, Kiowa, Lake, Prowers, and Pueblo counties.

No board action required

Build Back Better Update (E. Gubelman)

No board action required

Other Business

No other business

Adjourn (Hart)

Motion to adjourn, Kevin Keilbach; Danelle Berg, 2nd; all approve

Adjourn at 10:40 am