

**SPECIAL MEETING
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (EOAB)**

Held at Grand County, Utah Chambers
217 E Center Street
Moab, Utah 84532

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MINUTES

August 13, 2024 | 9:00am

****Time stamps correspond to the video****

Members in Attendance: Forrest Rodgers, Chris Wilson, Shalee Bryant, , Cassie Oliver (Moab Chamber)

Members in Attendance Remotely: Cassie Oliver, Melisa Jeffers, Dave Sakrison, Jazmine Duncan, Ashley Korenblat

Also Present: Ben Fredregill (Grand County Economic Development), Rob Walker, Debra McKee (GOEO) and Colette Cox (GOEO)

Welcome: 00:01:20

Introductions: 01:46

Conflicts of interest, disclosures, ex-parte communication

Ashley Kornblatt (Recuse from voting), Shalee Bryant (Recuse from voting) due to roles with Chamber. Wilson, Jeffers and Fredregill noted that they had proofread and gave suggestions to Moab Chamber materials. Non-voting member. Assistants only with thinking through projects.

Citizens to-be-heard: None at this time

Presentations, if any: None at this time

Discussion and Action Items:

- A. Forrest Rodgers recapped a previous meeting and discussion that warranted a special meeting.
 - a. Deferred Moab Community Childcare report and application until this meeting.
 - b. Started Discussion with Moab Area Chamber regarding RCG grant application.
- B. Moab Area Chamber of Commerce Overview Discussion 10:14
 - a. Fill gap left by vacancy at SBDC
 - b. Opportunities to help with that. Ie. business functions.....
 - c. Discussion by board regarding opportunities and fund amount
 - d. Funding for a website.
 - e. Feedback from Colette was to not repeat other efforts. Banaid strategy vs. long term effort. Suggested business hub that collected data while serving the community.

- C. Colette Cox and Debra McKee joined at 19:50.**
 - a. Colette gave feedback on both proposals.**
 - b. Renewable grant with a little more flexibility.**
 - c. Match RCG to community needs.**
- D. Moab Childcare Overview Discussion 24:11 (Dollar amount and Rationale)**
 - a. Discussion averted to Colette Cox advice with her limited time to attend.**
 - b. Rob discussed a total ask for a new classroom and programs. 160K**
 - c. Colette advised responsibility and needs of the community and providing entity.**
 - d. Chamber ask is constrained by lack of physical space to build out programs. SBDC gaps are being reviewed as they are not fulfilling roles in multiple rural communities. CC advised to invest more into the Childcare program than Chamber at this time.**
 - e. CC believes this a good year to support Child Care as it is in a good launching position.**
 - f. Board Discussion regarding opportunities.**
- E. Moab Childcare Overview reinstated 45:50**
 - a. Review of discussion.**
 - b. Opportunities to continue programs and expand services and infrastructure (i.e., Online presence), Associates Degree program.**
 - c. Build out a workforce which is currently 17 people.**
- F. Board then discusses balancing ask between the two opportunities.**
 - a. \$136,500 Moab Childcare**
 - b. \$63,500 Moab Area Chamber**
- G. Motions requested before Dave Sakrison leaves deleting Quorum 1:31**
 - a. Fund Moab Child Care 136,500**
 - b. Fund Chamber 63,500**
 - c. Chris W. made a motion. Melissa J. Seconds motion**
 - i. Motion Passed (Motion Passed)**
 - ii. Jazmine wanted to make sure that Chamber does not duplicate Trail to Tomorrow efforts.**
- H. Motion to approve Moab Child Care final report 1:37**
 - a. Motion made by Chris Wilson to approve**
 - b. Melissa Jeffers Seconds**
 - c. Motion Passed.**

At 10:38, Forrest adjourned the meeting.