

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (EOAB)

Held at Grand County Commission Chambers

125 E. Center St. Moab, Utah 84532

May 28th, 2025

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Call to Order: Chris Wilson called meeting to order at 3:05

Present: Chris Wilson (Chair Voting, Private Sector Representative), Quin Hall (non-voting Grand County Administration), Mark Tyner (Voting, Grand County Commission Administration Representative),), Melodie McCandless (Non-voting, Grand County Commission Representative), Randy Martin (Voting, Member appointed by Moab Area Chamber of Commerce), Brittney Melton (Voting, Private Sector Representative) Melisa Jeffers (Vice Chair, Voting Member of public who lives in the County), Ashley Korenblat (Voting, Workforce development representative), Aaron Lindberg (Voting Member, Secretary), Jazmine Duncan (Voting, Representative from a Municipality in the County), Cory Shurtlef (non Voting, Moab City Representative)

Ex-Parte Communications and Disclosures:

Jasmine disclosed she spoke with Randy Ward, the president of Castle Vallet Farms, asking clarifying questions about the structure of their organization.

Melisa spoke with grant applicants to help them with opportunities for other grants.

Britney, Ashley, and Randy reminded the board that they were all a part of the Chamber of Commerce.

Chris disclosed he will recuse himself from voting on Artesian and the Moab Folk Festival.

Citizens to be Heard: None

Approval Of Minutes:

Discussion and recommendation to the county commission regarding the Rural

County Grants-

All voting members were given 6 straw poll votes to organize a conversation about what the board was thinking the ranking of applications.

After vigorous discussion and debate, minds were changed, and hearts were persuaded.

Motion: Ashley made a motion, and Aaron seconded, to send a recommendation to the Grand County Commission that the Moab Golf Course receive \$75,000, Artesian receive \$45,000, Chamber of Commerce receive \$25,000, and The Moab Brewery receive \$25,000, and \$30,000 for Moab Mini Mount. The vote was unanimous, with Mark abstaining.

Discussion of Staff Position- Melodie presented how the county has created and posted a job for an Economic Development Outreach Coordinator staff position. This person would help disseminate information to the public, promote community development, create a crisis communications plan, assist with the Economic Development Advisory Board, help Grand County's local businesses, and work with Utah State University.

Approval Of Minutes- Britney moved to approve minutes from the May 7th, 2025, meeting. Melisa seconded, and minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussion of Rural County Grant Reporting: Chris explained how the Economic Development Board should review Moab Community Child Care's report on their usage of their Rural County Grant. The county then needs to submit the report to the state. This will allow Grand County to receive the next round of RCG funding. This report needs to be completed by July 30th.

Adjournment: Chris adjourned meeting at 4:50 pm.