

**MINUTES OF THE MILLARD COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
AT THE COUNTY OFFICES IN DELTA
THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL 2023**

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Roger Killpack Chairman of the Board
Jon Finlinson Economic Development Board Member
Kelly Carter Economic Development Board Member
Greg Roper Economic Development Board Member
David Styler Economic Development Board Member
Nick Killpack Economic Development Board Member
Mark Huntsman Economic Development Board Member

**BOARD MEMBERS
NOT PRESENT:**

Lucas Stevens Economic Development Board Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Bill Wright Commissioner
Adam Richins Planning/Zoning
Scott Barney Guest
Nate Runyan EDF Renewable
Scott Kuhlke EDF Renewable
Stuart Clason UAC

1. Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance – Roger Killpack

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. Roger Killpack conducted and welcomed all in attendance. I would like to introduce our new board member, Kelly Carter. Kelly said he was born and raised in Provo and moved to Delta 18 years ago. I own and operate a local company, Oversons Farm Center.

2. Review and Approval of March 15, 2023, Minutes

Dave Styler made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mark Huntsman seconded. Motion carried.

3. Report from Incentives Committee – EDF Renewables

Roger said the Incentives had a Zoom meeting with Nate Runyan and Scott Kuhlke from EDF renewables. We went into more detail from what they presented in the previous meeting. We made the final decision out of that. The one decision that was made was to bring this back to the board as a whole and make a final decision one way or another to send it to the commissioners. As a part of doing of doing or not doing any kind incentive project to get the moving pieces going the board needs to be aware of two things; 1- They have meet with the School District which is the largest entity in the county, and they have voted to approve move forward into the negotiations to write a final contract. The county is a different entity and has different moving parts that will affect the county differently.

Roger asked the committee to give their opinion about moving forward. Jon said we as a board need to provide some incitive that we support this and then the details will get worked out. Dan said we need to look more towards the future and see how it will affect things in 20 years. Roger said his thoughts are like Jon's. EDF does meet the "But For" criteria, however it doesn't have to be the 50% that they are asking for, it could be less than that. This could be a president that is set for other projects out there saying if you are going to do this for them then you need to do this for everybody.

Mark said as part of the committee and the new revenue need. However, as a group we must put together this strategy to send it to the Commission, and say we need this much new tax base and when we hit it then we won't be as aggressive with these incentive side, so it is like a first come first serve bases. We need to create some kind of basis for the next steps, because you don't want to set a precedence on everything.

Jon said one of the issues from the infrastructure side is the location and where they are. I am not sure how that will benefit the county unless that is identified as something else.

Roger asked the board if there were any questions. Mark asked about the timeline and when do they think the project will be completed. The final date has yet to be determined, but we are looking at 3-5 years. Scott said he would like to add some things, I would like to thank the board for their time over the past couple of months. We are pushing for a commercial operating date by 2025, this is not set in stone yet. There are moving parts towards that, the off take will be in Southern California. This will align with the renewed IPP. Our goal is to bring this all online soon.

Roger said these are all valid points and part of the financing is to offset for infrastructure for the company that they put in and we as a board are helping them do that. However there needs to be some benefit back to the county, there isn't a lot of infrastructure going in that will benefit the county. This needs to be addressed and a part of the final decision. Infrastructure is a wide-open

thing. With that being said do we as a board feel comfortable making a motion based on what we know to accommodate their timeline. To move things forward to the Commission, if so, what should it be.

Mark Huntsman made the following motion: The MEDA Board sends a favorable recommendation on the Utah Solar One Reinvestment area, knowing that there is more due diligence to be done. With the limited information from presentations, we have this will bring new revenue to the County. John Finlinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Report from Education Committee – Formation of Task Force

Mark gave a brief update on the progress that the education committee. They are currently building a task force with AG, energy, Industrial, mining, workforce, and chamber representatives. Everyone is relative in our county and needs to get representation as well. Our goal is to finish the list bring it to the table and have both private and public foundations there. Work is still being done and moving forward.

5. Update on Past Projects

Adam gave an update on the AREAS mining grant application. They had a USDA Component on the loan, they had to switch banks of couple of time for funding, they have finally closed on the old cheese plant building. Now they need to go after investor funding, so things are moving forward. Stuart said they were looking for the county to provide a favorable resolution for them, after the state funding mechanism for industrial development. To help raise private finances.

6. Report on IPP Oversight Committee

Jon gave a brief update on the IPP. There is a Natural Resource Coordinating Council, they are bringing fifty people that includes AG, Environmental, State Park, BLM, Forest Service, SITLA and so on. Todd Adams is putting this on he is the director of the Department of Natural Resources. They are coming to visit ACES, IPP and the DMAD dam.

7. Presentation From ACES/Magnum

Roger said we had anticipated ACES coming and doing a presentation and between them and us miscommunication and they were not able to attend the meeting. They are planning on attending

the meeting next month in Fillmore. We had originally planned on doing a tour of that site, and there is not a whole lot to see. Jon has offered us to go do a tour of IPP and see the boiler. That way you can see not only what is on the surface but underground as well. We will try and get that scheduled in the next month.

Stuart said I don't think there is a real understanding on the real estate side about the massive amount of capital investment that is happening in Millard County. There is a lot of rail infrastructure that when the change is made and what it is going to be used for, that is a long-term vision. Magnum is below the radar, and they are quietly doing real things.

8. Other Business

There was no other business that needed to be discussed.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.