

**MINUTES OF THE MILLARD COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
AT THE COUNTY OFFICES IN DELTA
THIS 21st DAY OF APRIL 2021**

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Roger Killpack Chairman of the Board
Jon Finlinson Economic Development Board Member
John Higgins 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

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NOT PRESENT:

Matt Loe..... Vice-Chair of the Board

ALSO PRESENT:

Dean Draper Commissioner
Bill Wright Commissioner
Evelyn Warnick Commissioner
Jenna Draper Six County AOG
Dan Davies..... Board Member
Lucas Stevens..... Signature Real Estate
Travis Khyl Six County AOG
Marcus Lee..... Six County AOG
Patrick Mullen..... UAC
Stuart Clason..... UAC
David Ure..... SITLA
Warren Peterson..... SITLA
Brandi Grace Six Counties AOG
Adam Richins..... Millard County Planner
Richard Marsen..... UIPA
Matt Ward Millard County Chronicle
Paula Dewsnup..... Economic Development Secretary

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.

2. Review and possible Approval of April 21, 2021 Minutes

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

3. Introduction of Guests

The following guest introduced themselves to the board; Dave Ure SITLA, Warren Petersen Board member of SITLA, Brandy Grace CEO of Association of Counties, Travis Kyle Executive Director of Association of Counties, Dan Davies Fillmore City, and Lucas Stevens Signature Real Estate .

4. Discussion of Partnership between State Agencies and MEDA Board

Stuart lead the discussion the original intent was to have Dave Ure from SITLA come along with Jack Hedge from the Utah Inland Port Authority. As they have been having our meetings and at the last meeting it was very productive, they had Rebecca from the GOAED Board come and talk about Broadband. Today they wanted to talk about those two specific state agencies and how they can leverage a partnership to advance Economic Development with goals and objectives, unfortunately Mr. Hedge had a conflict and was unable to make the meeting so we have Mr. Ure joining us. Mr. Ure said this organization is one of the most important one for Millard County, right now as it pertains to Economic Development around IPP.

Mr. Ure said SITLA has the opportunity to manage 3.4 Million acres in the State of Utah, and another 4.4 of other sub surfaces. Our oil and gas revenue are down by 58% which has been good and bad, bad in the fact because there is less revenue they have to go into the trust fund of beneficiaries and good that it has spurred us on to try and think outside of the box and find ways to bring corporations to rural Utah and it to the Commissioners.

Mr. Ure said in the five years that I have been doing this one of the things that I find the hardest to do is to develop a positive relationship with County Commissioners, throughout the State, there have been a few negative ones thought. The main thing they own a lot of property throughout the county and they have to work with local government officials. They necessarily have to but would not be a good idea if they don't. They are not on an island by themselves; they have to rely on the local people for employment for records for corporations who are selling their property or to lease it to help build a tax base for the counties. In the next week they will finalize the UTTR (Utah Test Training Range) which will add more ground around IPP and the Magnum Salt Domes. The Inland Port is an interesting thing, they have the land and Mr. Hedge has the authority from the Legislative and the Governor to develop bigger spurs out here, to not only increase the value of the Inland Port itself but also to start the base of Economic Development in rural Utah. Rural Utah is facing some tough challenges with trying

to incorporate with the new standard that have been put in place by the Federal Government and try to survive with economic base and support their own people here. So you as the board need to teach us and show us what you want to do with SITLA. How you the board members want you use us and to use our public lands. When they trade it can't be acre for acre its value for value. They also have the responsibility to take into consideration the uses of future generations. What the board gives is direction to look at is do we need to preserve that piece of ground or are we better off to try and make some income on that ground. Open spaces are becoming more and more important. I have found that people need dirt and growing something in the dirt helps mental health so that is being played more at a higher level.

Brandi said as they look at satellite location it is not a build it and they will come motto. It is what they are looking is where is the demand. Opportunities in the state evaluate where you want your community to be at. When the SB 95 bill passed earlier this year it provided a 75 million infrastructure bank for the inland port. Where they will be identifying different potential opportunities in the state and provide additional investments in the communities. So the board and the Commissioners need to be evaluating what they want their community to look like, where you should be putting effort and advancing economic opportunities for the inland port to invest in Millard County in addition to the ARP funds that are coming in so the county itself will be receiving money. The state will be receiving 1.6 billion, we are working with the Legislative right now and talking with state leaders they said there would no more Broadband; there is plenty of that along with transportation. They need to be thinking out side of the box and be creative of where those dollars will go and what would be the best use of them.

So if you are thinking along the lines of transportation, UDOT is up against the ARP funds they only have until 2024 to spend those dollars and a environmental stud needs to be done and then there is no time to deploy those funds. I think the board needs to be thinking about what do you want here and how you can be creative and leverage your own dollars. There is an incredible demand for solar and is that something you want to attract to the county. What they have seen state wide is counties competing against each other for that and for the tax base.

Mr. Peterson said I want to focus on one thing and is the purpose of the schools and the trust lands and administration and how it benefits SITLA. So keep in mind SITLE is not an agriculture economic development it is an investment organization. It is investing for the benefits of school age children and other beneficiaries, so when Mr. Ure talks about what SITLA can offer it has to be a win-win situation and what you are going to do to make it be worthwhile for SITLA to provide land. On the other hand the rising of the tide of Salt Domes this places Millard County in a unique situation and even if they don't have the mass quantity as Cedar or Tremonton they has this enormous potential. One way I count that potential is having this organization 20-30 years down the road. They both have to make money and have the resources to do that.

5. Other Business

There was no other business that needed to be discussed.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.