

**MINUTES OF THE MILLARD COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
AT THE COUNTY OFFICES IN DELTA
THIS 16th DAY OF AUGUST 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

**BOARD MEMBERS
NOT PRESENT:**

Lucas Stevens Economic Development Board Member
Mark Huntsman Economic Development Board Member
Mike Winget Economic Development Board Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Bill Wright Commissioner
Patrick Mullen UAC

1. Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance – Roger Killpack

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. Roger Killpack conducted and welcomed all in attendance.

2. Review and Approval of May 17, 2023, Minutes

Jon Finlinson made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dave Styler seconded. Motion carried.

3. Review of ACES tour/comments

Roger said the tour went well, and they appreciated the time that ACES spent with them.

4. Schedule tour of IPP renewables

The tour was scheduled for September 20 at 9:00 am

5. Update on EDF renewable project

There is a lot of action going on right now out there with the right way and access roads. IPP gave them a point of connection plan in 2015 and now because of the activity that is happening, it must be re-evaluated and figured better, and differently. They are making a bunch of interfaces with the connected entities out there to get the work done and that should happen in the next year. They want to be in service by 2024.

The other taxing entities within the county have all agreed to offer a tax incentive. The county itself has denied an incentive but will act as an oversight agency to allow the approved incentives to occur.

6. USU/Snow College Apprenticeship Program

Roger said I wish that Mark could have been here to give an update on this, but hopefully Patrick can help fill in the spots. Mark has done a lot of work setting up this program. It is an apprentice program, and Patrick will explain the process. It involves electricians and becoming a journeyman electrician. There were some territorial disputes that had to be overcome and some collaborative agreements that had to occur between Snow College and Utah State University and even the School District to an extent. They have worked together, and it is going to open the door for other things in the future.

Patrick said he recently had a conversation with Mark and got his perspective, and what he wanted. Which was a pathway to a good paying trade skill job in the area. Which has been a demanding thing to navigate. This internship program will go to different levels of High school age kids, young adults, and older adults. The funding will come from the State Rural County Grant program. We must report to them that we have a plan in place soon or the funds will be gone. Right now, the amount is \$495,000 and that can go towards the two programs that we have been talking about. Workforce housing and education.

7. Board Approval for funding programs

The MEDA Board allocates the \$495,000 that Millard County has from the Rural County Grant program to:

1. Support Education, training, and apprenticeship programs in Millard County, including Utah State University, Snow College, Millard County School District, and other educational institutions to create pathways to skilled jobs.
2. Engage expert(s) to conduct market capacity studies as needed to understand the local need for these skilled jobs as well as to understand the local availability and interest including local advertising and potential student engagement.
3. Explore workforce housing investment models and how Millard County may support them to ensure available homes, new job growth in Millard County.
4. Support new infrastructure, such as water and road support, to help any new community development.

Nick Killpack made a motion to accept the motion as written. Dan Davies seconded. Motion Carried. Patrick said he would get the proposal to the Commissioners at the next meeting for final approval.

8. Discussion/Approval of other funding efforts

This was combined with funding education programs discussion.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.