

**MINUTES OF THE MILLARD COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
AT THE COUNTY OFFICES IN DELTA
THIS 24th DAY OF JANUARY 2019**

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Matt Loe..... Chairman of the Board
Roger Killpack Board Member
Mark Huntsman Board Member
John Higgins Board Member

EXCUSED

BOARD MEMBERS

NOT PRESENT:

Neil Ashton Board Member
Brandon Bartholemew Board Member
Greg Roper Board Member
Jon Finlinson Board Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Scott Barney Economic Development Director
Paula Dewsnup Economic Development Secretary
Adam Richins Planning and Zoning
Matt Day Sunrise Engineering

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Chair Matt Loe at 8:00 a.m. All in attendance were welcomed.

2. New Board Members Introduction

Scott Barney said at the end of the year the commissioners appointed Jon Finlinson from IPP, Greg Roper from Fillmore and David Styler from the School District to be on the board. Neil Ashton contacted me and asked not to be reappointed due to time restraints.

Matt Loe asked if anyone had any suggestions to let one of the Commissioners know to help fill the vacancies.

3. Approval of March 22, 2018, September 27, 2018 Minutes.

Tabled to next meeting for lack of a quorum.

4. New Board President Nomination for 1 Year Term (recommendation to BOCC)

Matt Loe asked if there was any recommendation of two names to the Commission one for President and Vice President. John Higgins made a recommendation for Roger Killpack for new President. The names will be submitted to the Commissioners for final approval.

5. New Board VP vote to 1 year term (By popular vote of board members)

Scott Barney asked if there were any suggestions for names to be submitted to the Commission; Mark Huntsman was suggested for Vice-Chair. Mr. Huntsman accepted the position per decision with the Commissioners.

6. Review and possible approval of By-Laws

Scott went over the changes on the current By-Laws with the Quorum, they agreed to the changes however the final approval was tabled until the next meeting due to lack of Quorum.

7. Project Updates

Matt Loe asked for an update on the Peak Minerals project update. Scott said they are working through their statements and are hoping for an operating permit by the summer. Roger Killpack asked if the original project is going forward in its original form and it is.

Matt asked where their capital is coming from, Scott said they had a capital infusion early on and it was from India they are large importer of pot ash. Mark Huntsman said they have had some peaks and valleys in they are in a deep trough right now. Scott said they had some leadership change on the development side along with a lot of consolidation in the pot ash market. Once they get their operating permit it would be a three year build out.

Roger Killpack asked for an update on the hydrogen conference that they recently attended. Scott said now that it has been made public I can now discuss this. For the last two years I have been working with the department of water and power and energy, on a hydrogen project with IPP and

on January 4 the LA department publicly announced that they were in on the project. They intended to build two more gas units, but with California passing a bill that only gave the life of those units 20 years. It would have to get the California Legislature to agree, that hydrogen that is produced by renewable would also qualify renewable power source. The most common way that hydrogen is made today is with methane gas (natural gas).

They are looking to partner with the department of energy and the State Office of Energy development along with Millard County. They have formed a hydrogen working group and we have been meeting for three or four months now.

Roger Killpack brought up solar opportunities and with solar it doesn't produce a lot of jobs, but the tax base provides. Scott said with the first project that they did it increased from 350 to 750,000 but it has pretty steep depreciation. The jobs that they do provide construction jobs are the larger amount. The average wages for the solar industry are 85,000 and that comes from the DWS report out of Beaver.

8. Board member updates

Scott said that there is a couple of vacancies will get some names submitted to the Commissioners

9. Other Business

Adam Richins said Magnum is helping Sawtooth with organizational structures; they go through Magnum for the permitting. They know have a right away that goes up to Kanab and they are processing to tie that it with them and it will probably take a year. They have refined product that can be tied in. Matt Loe asked how they could do that, and Adam said then went to a lot of meetings and got a conditional use permit so at that point it is fair game.

Mark Huntsman introduced Matt Day to the quorum and explained why he was there, things have been bust at Sunrise so I have him step in and help me on some projects. We try to be as active as we can with EDC Utah. Matt is my main contact help with them for what is happening. They are scoring a lot of wins along the Wasatch front; it is a good thing for schools and jobs. We are seeing more and more opportunities pushing south into Utah Counties. We have the Governor's office they are excited and want to make some things happen. Utah is into a people business and a lot of these rural communities need to recognize that they are in to a people business as well in order to land these opportunities.

Matt shared with the quorum and said he is excited to see what things are happening with EDC UT. We have two main initiatives one is Utah County and its potential for growth, also in rural Utah we have a big footprint. I feel like we can move Economic Development in a lot of places especially in Millard County where we have a great climate and also we feel like we have a big footprint here as well. Last March they had a conference where they usually get four to five site consultants selectors. This year they had over fifty from all over the country. All of these major

corporations hire to find locations to move to. One of the things that EDC UT is recognized from their interactions with these site selections and some of the competition is that companies are coming here not just for the physical resources but because of the climate not the warm weather but the people and the cultural that we have here. So what we want to do is to help the site selectors recognize what we have here.

Mark said growth is happening and they are good numbers for the state but the growth is mainly happening on the Wasatch front and it is consuming the governor's office and EDC Utah's resources. So I think that we are in a really good position now to be noticed.

10. Adjournment

Scott asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Rodger Killpack made a motion; the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.