

**MINUTES OF THE MILLARD COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
AT THE COUNTY OFFICES IN DELTA
THIS 15th DAY OF July, 2020**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger Killpack	Chairperson
Mark Huntsman	Vice-Chair
John Higgins	Board Member
Jon Finlinson	Board Member
Nick Killpack	Board Member

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Matt Loe	Board Member
Dave Styler	Board Member
Michael Winget	Board Member
Greg Roper	Board Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Stuart Clason	UAC
Patrick Mullen	UAC
Commissioner Dean Draper	
Paula Dewsnup	Economic Development Secretary

1. Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 am. Chair Roger Killpack conducted. All in attendance were welcomed.

2. Approval and Review of June 17, 2020 Minutes

Mark Huntsman made a motion that the June 17, 2020 minutes be accepted as written. John Higgins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Approval of By-Law Changes

Roger said with the current By-Laws if you make changes on the them they need to be approved at the next meeting. Mark Huntsman made a motion to approve By-Law Changes. Nick Killpack seconded. Motion to approve changes to the By-Laws was approved.

4. Changes to SB-95 Funding

Roger Killpack said there was some financial changes made to the funding of SB-95. It was currently \$200,000 and each county can apply for additional special grant funding. The new amount will be \$95,000 and no additional grant money will be given out.

5. Update on economic development activity

Commissioner Draper said they are in the process of finalizing a form so that small business and others can apply under the parameters of this grant this will and the amounts will be any where from \$5,000 to 10,000 and so we will have to see how this goes. The application has to be submitted by the 31st of July however we have until the end of November to disperse of it. Patrick Millen said it lists on the website that Delta will receive \$105,000, Fillmore 77,000 and the smaller communities any where from 10,000 to 20,000.

Commissioner Draper said they will receive 30% less in there funds for our roads in the county for the coming year, so that part of the budget has taken a hit. We are down 60% on our TRT for tourism and we don't have good numbers on some of the other things as well. Things that affect this is our revenue from sources other than property tax. We receive inquires weekly about people who want to come in and want to look at putting in a solar farm some place in the county and it is accompanied by what incitive do you have. The incitive on one hand is if you put solar in it brings people into the county on the other hand it doesn't bring in revenue for the county. So we get caught in this rock and a hard place kind of dilemma. Perception is one the great problems too of what is really happening out there as they want to go forward.

6. Economic Development Plan

Stuart Clason said with the previous conversations we have had, about the applications we have put in looking at improved connectivity, housing, industrial. The workforce data base won't cost anything but those were the buckets that we are looking at applying for. Patrick said he had a handout that he wanted to go over with the board about the inland port. With Inland port we need to figure where the assets are across the state and to do that we came up with this Satellite Port Data Intake Form which lays out all of the data that exists. The Inland Port Authority took a look at the state and said there is three or four areas that make sense to put the port and one of them was Millard County, we have been using Millard County as a example. We have been working with the commissioners to fill this out, and know we know where we stand with SB-95 we wanted to give the board a sense of what is in there and discuss some of the high level aspects. We are hoping by mid August to have this finalized, this is a living document and its not a you submit it they review it and they say yeah or nay on it, it just shows them what you have. Then you bring down a couple of people and give them a tour of County to see what assets and what you have here. This is what we can envision.

Stuart said what I think with the Satellite Port will be the first step in what Utah is going to have to do is we absorb the population that is relocating here and also older population that exists here. We are growing so we are going to have to be strategic about where we grow employment centers and build communities around that. I think that Millard County is prime for that, but the board needs to give us guidance for the residents that are here and ask if they like where they are at? I think that the Satellite Port will not solve the problems but they are going to focus on logistics and transportation infrastructure then will facilitate employment. I think with the connectivity on the interstate there is a play for some warehouse distribution for the infrastructure that has been put in place for the major commodities that is coal. I think that going through this process with the board we can have a link that will create a 50 year vision for Millard County and state wide.

Stuart said what the port wants to do is create a state wide logistics vision, so the thing that this group can do help us recognize with is:

- 1- Get with Commissioner Draper and do the assessment
- 2- See if there will be issues with the local community and who wants
To be part of this process

Stuart said will be there be a anti sentiment to this effort with local residents. Roger said you will get some outside people coming in and saying you can't put that in Delta. Stuart said we can't control that I am just worried about local. Roger said my feeling is there is a mixed group, you have some old timers that don't want any growth and don't want any change, but I don't think that is the majority I think there is a feel or a need and a want for the area to have some moderate growth. Roger said as long as whatever we do moves things forward that can merge and marry with agriculture as the way that it is, even though that is changing I think that we will be fine.

Stuart said the staff at Inland ports identified four areas; Tooele, Box Elder, Iron and Carbon and Emery the reason why they did Emery is there is a lot of existing infrastructure built around coal but they don't have interstate access and I think that it is very similar to Millard County.

Patrick said it is a bit unique here because we have both the task of managing for the state along with the Inland Port and represent Millard County, so we work Travis at the AOG we have had multiple conversations going with him and the Commissioner so the next step is sharing a draft with input.

Stuart said if we were to propose a site it would be around the Power Plant were Silta has taken over. Roger said it forms a crescent all the way from the power plant to east side of the county all the way through that valley. Commissioner Draper said the opportunity for anything like would have the intersection that you can choose to go to Oak city or Fillmore. Access to that with railroads and highway is quite possible.

Stuart asked Roger about the new GOEAD boards new administration and he think sit will affect Economic Development. Roger said it is a real toss up and really hard to predict. I can tell you the board is worried and there is a sense that it is going to get thrown by the way side and you have to let the up coming election play out first. There is wheels in motion all ready to present there case to make sure things continue, so we will just have to see. I don't think that it will go well but you can see a shift. Stuart said he can see the biggest shift is along the Wasatch front and I hope that the emphasis is not to just add more staff. I think if you make more of a drive in the counties there won't be any duplication and have one board that will create appropriate structure that won't need a big

staff, and actually creates tools to do this. GOEAD has done a great work. Roger said they have and they have been very successful but they will have a hard time to give up the engine that drives the whole thing which are those employers that they have created along the way, it has been a great generator for the state and you can document and see that. So to just shift away from that it will be a tough transition because what comes off the Wasatch from won't come close to comparison dollar wise to what others have brought into the state. Plus you are going to have to maintain that, there has to be something that will be on going. Stuart said one of the things that could be really interesting that will go simultaneously with the Satellite port. It would be really interesting to restructure the incentive for these large employees and expand their supply chain to use suppliers in the State of Utah.

Stuart said the reason why I asked that question is it would be interesting thought process in preparation for this to play out and how to use the board properly. Is use the board to make advice to the Commissioner and say these things are the thing that we think would be smart as a non Wasatch front community for Economic Development. Roger said the timing would be really good and appropriate to start the conversation now so that as things roll over and change the first of the year you can present your case and it will be documented and well prepared.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.