

**MINUTES OF THE MILLARD COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION  
AT THE COUNTY OFFICES IN DELTA  
THIS 15th DAY OF MARCH 2023**

**BOARD MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

Roger Killpack ..... Chairman of the Board  
Jon Finlinson ..... Economic Development Board Member  
David Styler ..... Economic Development Board Member  
Nick Killpack ..... Economic Development Board Member  
Lucas Stevens..... Economic Development Board Member  
Mark Huntsman ..... Economic Development Board Member  
Mike Winget ..... Economic Development Board Member  
Matt Loe..... Economic Development Board Member  
Dan Davies..... Economic Development Board Member

**BOARD MEMBERS  
NOT PRESENT:**

Greg Roper..... Economic Development Board Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Bill Wight..... Commissioner  
Patrick Mullen..... UAC  
Adam Richins..... Millard County Planner  
Scott Barney..... Guest  
Paula Dewsnap..... Economic Development Secretary

**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 possible Approval of February 15, 2023, Minutes**

Jon Finlinson had some changes with the incorrect numbers in EDF renewables. Mark Huntsman made a motion to accept the minutes with changes. Jon Finlinson seconded. Motion carried.

## **3. Review and proposal and EDF renewables**

Roger said it would be a good idea to have a follow up discussion to review the proposal and see if the board had any comments that they would like to make on their presentation from last month. Nick asked if they had a draft form to make up for this and there was, but it was never finalized. Roger said they need to get that done so they have a protocol to follow. Mark said they had some assignments to follow up on. Nick said if we have a good idea going in then we will know what our goals are before they come in with a sales pitch. Then we will be able to be more consistent in the way that we use tax increment financing. That is constructive for the county not just beneficial for the organizations that come and meet with us. In the end as much as we want them to come and be a good part of the county, but our goal is to look out for the well-being of the county long term. If we have some point and structure and information before we talk to people, the better off we will be. What do we want and what are we willing to give up to get it? If we don't know what we want, then we will give up whatever we have without getting in return what we really need.

Commissioner Wright said there is some guidance in state statute, that has tax increment financing that the county can participate in. Unless the company can prove financially to fund the project. Nick said above that, is financing they are bringing in an infrastructure that wouldn't have been brought in other wise and would be costly to them to bring in. So, if they are paying for that then the idea is we will help you finance that if you give us a tax break. We have spread what the county needs. We must know what we want is tax break, tax increment financing, jobs. What is it exactly that we are looking for. Then we can say what are you providing to us to qualify for that.

Commissioner Wright said lets be prepared for what we get in return and be consistent, otherwise we disrupt government. When we have to pick and choose, our favorites then it doesn't work. We need to get a policy and move things forward.

Roger asked how do we as a committee find those, we are all volunteers so how do we get ahold of that information. So, we are not reinventing the wheel, how do we proceed and put this together. Commissioner Wright said if we don't involve our elected officials in what we are doing. So, in reality what does this do for us and our budgets because if we as a committee come up with something and then go to the commissioners and they say no then what. What will the shift be, so we need to involve someone that knows our budgets to see what we can do and can't do and the best one that would be the most helpful is the treasurer's office.

Mark said all we can do is recommend and then the Commissioners have the final say. Roger said they will assign this to Stuart and Patrick and have them come up with a draft plan, then the board can adopt it and send it on to the Commissioners and County Attorney for final approval.

#### **4. Discussion of format of Incentives Committee**

Roger said just to review, two months ago we formed a committee of a Chair and two members. They were me as chair and Jon Finlinson and Mark Huntsman. Is that a big enough committee do we need more than that and how do we address if there is a conflict of interest. Nick asked if the county had a conflict-of-interest policy. Commissioner Wright said they do, and they follow one from the state. The board had a discussion and if there is a conflict they will replace the board member and the amount of the board members is good. Dave suggested that any time that one cannot be on the board then to nominate someone new that can. Mark said all we are doing is due diligence and not taking votes on anything.

#### **5. Formation of Education Committee**

Roger said this was discussed at the last meeting, and it was brought up for a need of CDL drivers, and how many employers could benefit from it. So how do we structure that and do what the school district is doing. How can we use up the funds that are available and move forward.

Commissioner Wright said one of the things is that Economic Development is not about is the dollars. It is about our lifestyles, the people that would like to see their families come back to Millard County. We need to start trying to bring in some vocational training in. Give someone in a short amount of time the schooling and the skills to do that, how do we do that ? We need to be able to identify something that and put a coalition together. Another reason for doing this is these companies coming in with huge brands and they can help us move forward. In all these grants is a percentage to move forward with the development. So, if they don't come up with and formulate a plan, they will not qualify for what they are trying to do. This gives us the opportunity to develop a project that will help us accomplish this. What I would like to do is put a committee together, along with people from Utah State, Snow College, workforce development along with the School Districts. So, we can identify the few skills we have to start this. We also need to think about the kids and the training that we are offering.

Patrick said he would get a list together and invite them to a meeting in the Delta Office to get a Idea of where to go from here.

Roger asked for a motion to form an Education Committee with Mark Huntsman as chair and Lucas Stevens and Dave Styler as members. We will replace Mark Huntsman with Dan Davies

on the Incentive Committee. Matt Loe made a motion to accept the changes. Dave Styler seconded. Motion Carried.

Patrick said they will take the lead and get the list together and circulate it to the committee.

## **6. Discussion and update on past projects**

Roger asked for an update on some past projects. Patrick gave a brief update on the past projects; he said things are still moving forward. There is not a lot to report on at this time. With the American Spec modular project there is nothing being done at this time. They will more than likely move to another county, that can offer more.

There is also some potential to interface with some of those grant opportunities with DOE and DDA.

## **7. Update on IPP Oversight Committee**

Jon Finlinson gave a brief update on the IPP project. He said things are still moving forward, and will know more when they have their annual meeting in May.

## **8. Other Business**

The next scheduled meeting will be on April 19<sup>th</sup> in Delta. There will be a tour of Magnum along with a presentation from Susan that will be helpful and very informative. Then those can go on a tour of Magnum.

Commissioner Wright said with the changes in the By-Laws, there had to be some changes in the number of years for the board members' terms. Dave Styler and Mark Huntsman were asked to finish a two year term, Mike Winget a four year term and the new board members will do a four year term. He said to do it this way, so they don't have to replace all the board members at once.

There was no other business that needed to be discussed.

## **9. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 am.