

**MINUTES OF THE MILLARD COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
AT THE COUNTY OFFICES IN DELTA
THIS 19th DAY OF OCTOBER 2022**

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Roger Killpack Chairman of the Board
Jon Finlinson Economic Development Board Member
David Styler Economic Development Board Member
Dan Davies..... Economic Development Board Member
Lucas Stevens..... Economic Development Board Member

EXCUSED:

Nick Killpack Economic Development Board Member
Mark Huntsman Economic Development Board Member

**BOARD MEMBERS
NOT PRESENT:**

Mike Winget Economic Development Board Member
Greg Roper..... Economic Development Board Member
Matt Loe..... Vice-Chair

ALSO PRESENT:

Bill Wright Commissioner
Stuart Clason..... UAC
Jenna Draper SCAOG
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 September 21, 2022, Minutes

Lucas Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dave Styler seconded. Motion carried.

3. By-Law Changes and Approval

Stuart said for a long period of time they have been working on a vision and a purpose for the board and part of that vision is redoing the existing By-Laws. What they have come up with will involve the board more and give them a say in more decisions that are made in the county.

The board went over the new By-Laws changes, and some include **Purpose:** The board will serve as a starting point for any incentive requests from private industry. **Membership:** The board will consist of at least nine members, and they will be from: a county representative, workforce service, private sector, and a member of the public will serve for a three-year term. **Responsibilities:** The board will meet and ensure that grants meet eligibility and approve them as necessary. The way that the By-Laws are presented now will create a functioning and working board.

Stuart suggested the following motion, to correct the typos, and the board agrees with the new By-Laws and would like the staff to review for final approval. Jon Finlinson made a motion to accept the motion. Dave Styler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Stuart said he will get a copy from the attorney for their final review then they will be presented to the Commissioners for final approval.

4. Rural County Grant Program updates

Roger said the Economic Development Board gets \$200,000 a year to spend on grants or projects in the county and it hasn't been touched in two years, so the board needs to come up with ideas on useful ideas on how to spend that money. Stuart said this will be an exciting year for the board to spend that money, and they need to be prepared to allocate where they want the money to go. They can use it for small grants, small business, anything that the board sees useful for Millard County. Commissioner Wright asked if they could get a copy of the statute which says where the money comes from and where it needs to go. So that way they can identify the needs and wants of the projects. Because we don't want to start projects that we can't sustain in the future. Stuart said he would get it and they would go over it at the next meeting.

5. Economic Development Plan

Roger said this tied into this By-Law's discussion and asked Stuart for an update on the Project area plan. Stuart said back in 2016 Millard County engaged in a consultant and created By-Laws under the old statute. They identified three zones, and we decided that it would be good exercise, since the plans have been updated. We talked specifically about one of those zones, that is around that path land. What drove that is one of the main companies out there approached us and Commissioner Draper about capturing and using tax incremental financing, with all the financing that is projected to happen around that area. So, we have updated the plan, but it has not been adopted yet. So that is where you as a board come in, to use your expertise in this area and what would be appropriate to do.

There is a rule that the state law requires local initiative to show that the project would not happen without the funding. A lot of the rural projects have been around solar, which are high cost and low return. Because they are held captive by Rocky Mountain Power and the developers are offering their lowest price of 300 megs of solar. Then the developers who have their property and pathway on the grid offer their price and don't show any one their prices because they don't want to be out bid. They have to justify the incentive and have been sitting down with commissioners and showing them how this works.

With the School District you don't get to capture new property as new growth unless it's in a project area and solar projects are 99% in personal property, so this is a depreciating job.

6. Reports on Previous Projects

Stuart said things are moving forward, and there's nothing new to report to things.

7. Other Business

There was no other business that needed to be discussed.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am