



**ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**UINTAH BASIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING**

**Uintah County Administration Building  
152 East 100 North  
Vernal, UT 84078  
August 16, 2023  
10:15 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**I. Introduction**

- A. Call to Order** – Commission Hansen called meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.
- B. Conflict of Interest Declaration** – None
- C. Approval of June 22, 2023 Minutes** - Chairman Hansen asked for a motion to approve June 22, 2023 Minutes.  
**MOTION: Commissioner Horrocks made a motion to approve June 22, 2023 Minutes. Commissioner Norton seconded; motion carried.**

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy - Adoption**
  - Commissioner Hansen asked if there were any questions, modifications, changes, errors, additions or verbiage with the current Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) presentation. Laurie Brummond added that after their 30-day public comment period, there were two individuals who suggested some recommendations: Yankton Johnson, the CEO of Moon Lake Electric, and Mike Hyde, Duchesne County Community Development. Commissioner Hansen solicited questions or concerns before having UBAOG staff Carl Conrad and Kevin Yack present the updated CEDS to the board. She also clarified that the goal of this meeting is to make the board aware of the progress of this project and approve the document in advance of the September 30, 2023 deadline. *“This is a tool that you as a community and a county are able to use if you would like to apply for direct federal funding through the Department of Commerce in the Economic Development Administration.”* (Kevin Yack) He continued by informing the board that the CEDS must be updated every five years, and it is required to be eligible to apply for funding from the Department of Commerce.

- Kevin turned to Carl to have him present the CEDS in an overview capacity (*See links for access and details*). Periodically throughout Carl’s presentation, Kevin and Laurie would step in to elaborate in further detail. Kevin reminded the board that the UBAOG tried to use and identify as many sources as possible, and to make sure they were cited accordingly. Laurie wanted to make sure the board was aware of additional contributions from Moon Lake Electric staff as well. Carl explained that while this is a required document for the Uintah Basin Economic Development District, it is also part of the State of Utah’s new statewide Economic Development Strategy. This document is comparable to a statewide CEDS, thus each association of government’s office contributing to this project creates a stronger document overall.
  
- Kevin closed this presentation with how the state is targeting a unified document to see Utah grow as a complete unit. In that effort, Kevin introduced a statewide survey centering on “land use goals” to target these goals into a unified vision of where Utah, the fastest growing state in the country, wants to be.
  
- Laurie closed the UBAOG staff presentation of the CEDS by soliciting Commissioner Killian for any missing or essential information regarding water. In addition, she opened the presentation to additional questions or inquiries. Mayor Rowley suggested Starvation Reservoir as an intended station for electrical generation and suggested that the Bureau of Reclamation of Central Utah could help further on the topic.  
**MOTION: Commissioner Killian made a motion to approve the Comprehension Economic Development Strategy – Adoption with the slight modifications and clarifications over the next month. Mayor Bird seconded; motion carried.**

### III. ADJOURN

Tawnya Gallup, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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