



**RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Arizona Commerce Authority
333 North Central Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Wednesday, March 9, 2016
11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Keith Watkins, Acting Chairman, called the March 9, 2016 meeting of the Rural Business Development Advisory Council to order at 11:34 a.m. Deborah Klatt, ACA, was called upon to take roll. A quorum was present. The meeting was noticed and properly posted.

Committee Members Present In-Person

David Bentler	Ellen Kretsch
Ron Gould	Robert Corbel
Nolan Larson	Joy Staveley I
Les OrchekowskyKeith	Stephen Rutherford

Watkins

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

D.L Wilson

Committee Members Not Present

Jaime Chamberlain	LeRoy Shingoitewa
Angela Harmon	Jim Dinkle
Julie Engel	Kip Kempton
Larry Lucero	

Quest of Committee Members

Ron Fain

ACA Staff Members

Deborah Klatt

II. Approval of Minutes of October 29, 2015 and December 9, 2015*

Ron Gould moved to approve the minutes for both October 29th and December 9th, 2015. Rural Business Development Advisory Council Public Meeting; Les Orchekowsky seconded. The motion was approved.

III. Presentations

a. ADOT Five Year Plan Update—Bret Anderson, ADOT

Bret shared ADOT's planning efforts include developing a Five-Year Transportation Facilities Construction Program. ADOT's Five-Year Program is a lineup of projects that is revised annually. It serves as a blueprint for future projects and designates how much local, state and federal funding is allocated for those projects. The Five-Year Program covers the construction budget for highways, transit, airports and highway-support facilities. The program focuses on multimodal forms of transportation. Funding for the Five-Year Program is generated by the users of transportation services, such as through the gasoline tax and the vehicle license tax.

The program begins with a long-range visioning process, moves into a more realistic 20-year plan and finally yields each Five-Year Program. The program is developed by working closely with local planning organizations and community leaders to identify ready-to-construct or design projects. A potential project goes through several levels of review to become part of the tentative program before being presented to the State Transportation Board for consideration and approval. A public comment period and public hearings are also part of the process. The board considers all public comments before voting to approve the Five-Year Program.

I. ACA Update – Keith Watkins, Arizona Commerce Authority

Keith Watkins updated the council on the Arizona Commerce Authority. We found old money from when ACA was the chamber of commerce. Keith gave a brief update on how ACA will be co locating with Arizona Mexico Commission and The Tourism Office while some of the ACA incentives will be housed at the new GEO Office, like Workforce. Keith also went over some data that was exciting to ACA:

- b. Unemployment rates are lowest since 2007 at 5.8%
- c. Exporting – metals and cottons are up since last year at 6%

II. Call to Council Members for Future Agenda Items

No Comments were made

III. Call to Public

No comments were made

IV. Adjournment

Ron Gould moved to adjourn; Les Orchekowsky Seconded
The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.