

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

Arizona Commerce Authority
Saguaro Conference Room
333 North Central Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Wednesday, October 19, 2016
11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Keith Watkins, Acting Chairman, called the meeting of the Rural Business Development Advisory Council to order at 11:34 a.m. Jamie Hogue, ACA noted roll call. A quorum was present.

The meeting was noticed and properly posted.

Committee Members Present In-Person

Keith Watkins (ACA), Acting Chairman
David Bentler
Robert Corbel
Les Orchekowski
Joy Stavely
D.L Wilson

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

Julie Engle
Levi Esquerra
Ellen A. Kretsch
Larry Lucero

Committee Members Not Present

Jaime Chamberlain
Jim Dinkle
Ron Gould
Angie Harmon
Nolan R. Larson
Stephen M. Rutherford

ACA Staff Members

Jamie Hogue
Teri Orman

II. Approval of Minutes dated August 10, 2016*

Les Orchekowski moved to approve the minutes; Robert Corbell seconded the motion; all in favor, the motion was approved.

III. Ken Smith, HDR Engineering gave a presentation on public private partnerships (P3)

IV. Consideration and approval of Rural Economic Development Grant 2016 -

Keith Watkins provided an overview of the \$151,453 Rural Economic Development Grant proposal submitted by the City of Yuma.

Julie Engle abstained from voting on the grant

Levi Esquerra moved to approve the grant; Joy Staveley seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion was approved.

V. ACA Update – Keith Watkins, Arizona Commerce Authority

Keith Watkins provided an overview of recent activities and initiatives at the ACA, with a special focus on items of interest to the rural areas of the state.

VI. Call to Public – No members of the public in attendance

VII. Adjournment

David Bentler moved to adjourn; Robert Corbell seconded the motion; all voted in favor and meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.