



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

**WEDNESDAY, July 30, 2014
11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.**

**201 N. Central Ave, 27th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85004
27th Floor of the Chase Tower-Greater Phoenix of Commerce Board Room**

APPROVED MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Keith Watkins called the July 30th meeting of the Rural Business Development Advisory Council to order at 11:04am.

The meeting was noticed and properly posted. Keith Watkins took roll. A quorum was present.

Committee Members Present

David Bentler
Ben File
Ron Gould
Angela Harmon
Nolan Larson
Les Orchekowsky
Stephen Rutherford
LeRoy Shingoitewa
Keith Watkins
Donald Wilson

Committee Members Not Present

Julie Pastrick
Julie Engel
Teri Lynn Grier
Kip Kempton
Ellen Kretsch
Matthew Mandel

Guests Present

James Adams
Mike Golden
Sam Lofland

Julia Richards
Sheryl Sweeney
Max Masel
Bill Boyd

- II. Approval of RBDAC Minutes of May 28th, 2014***
Keith Watkins moved to approve the minutes of the May 28th, 2014 Rural Business Development Advisory Council Public Meeting. Nolan Larson seconded. Motion approved.
- III. Clean Water Act Rule Presentation**
Sam Lofland and Sheryl Sweeney, from Ryley Carlock & Applewhite, presented a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the history and current definition of “water of the U.S.”. They went into great detail of the 2014 proposed rule, potential impacts on municipalities, agricultural industries, development and mining.
- IV. AZ State Land Trust Overview Presentation**
James Adams, Max Masel, and Bill Boyd presented on the AZ Land operations and how each of their projects have had an impact in the rural communities.
- V. AZDOA Broadband Presentation**
Mike Golden, Director Broadband Planning, gave a presentation highlighting the broadband availability and economic vitality, state broadband update, and Arizona FirstNet.
- VI. Greater Arizona Development Authority (GADA) Presentation**
Julia Richards, Senior Development Manager, gave an overview of what GADA’s mission and goals are for the State. She highlighted examples of GADA projects throughout the rural communities.
- VII. ACA Rural Update**
Keith Watkins gave a brief update to the Committee regarding various internal matters to keep the Committee apprised of the efforts to the rural communities.
- VIII. Call to Council Members for Items for Future Agendas**
No comments were made.
- IX. Call to Public**
No public comments made.
- X. Adjournment**
Keith Watkins moved to adjourn; David Bentler seconded. The Committee adjourned at 2:04p.m.