

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

December 7, 2021 - 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 929 0471 2153

FINAL MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Keith Watkins, Acting Chairman, called the meeting of the Rural Business Development Advisory Council to order at 10:01AM. Heather Escobedo, ACA, noted roll call:

Committee Members Present Via Zoom

- Keith Watkins, ACA (Acting Chairman)
- Levi Esquerra Tribal Representative
- Tony Boone, Cochise County
- Mayor Tom Murphy, Pima County
- Jaime Chamberlain, Santa Cruz County
- Gary Kellogg, Mohave County
- Keith Johnson, City of Pinetop-Lakeside
- Julie Pastrick, Coconino County

Committee Members Not Present

- Mayor Doug Nicholls, Yuma County
- Angie Harmon, Statewide
- Fernando Shipley, Gila County
- VACANT, Maricopa County
- VACANT, La Paz County
- VACANT, Yavapai County
- VACANT, Apache County
- VACANT, Cochise County
- VACANT, Graham County
- VACANT, Greenlee County

Other Attendees

- Jamie Kerr – VP, Rural Economic Development (ACA)
- Heather Escobedo – Project Manager, HR/Operational Excellence (ACA)
- Jill Howard Allen – VP, Research & Development, Innovation
- Chamai Shahim - Strategic Futures Innovation Manager, Innovation
- Lynn Sugiyama, Arizona Dept. of Transportation
- Cindy Stotler, AZ Dept. of Housing



Of the 13 filled seats of the RBDAC, a quorum was present. The meeting was noticed and properly posted.

II. Consent to Agenda

- a. Approval of June 8, 2021 RBDAC Meeting Minutes
Keith Watkins moved to approve minutes, as is. Mayor Tom Murphy seconded the motion; all in favor; the motion was approved.
- b. Approval of October 28, 2020 RBDAC Meeting Minutes
Mayor Tom Murphy moved to approve minutes, as is. Tony Boone seconded the motion; all in favor; the motion was approved.

III. Arizona Dept. of Housing Update-New Programs-Cindy Stotler, AZ Dept. of Housing

Cindy Stotler gave presentation briefing on the AZ Dept. of House. Gary Kellogg requested presentation to be distributed. When approved; Cindy Stotler will share with Keith Watkins for distribution.

IV. ESP Grant Update-Lynn Sugiyama, Arizona Dept. of Transportation

Lynn Sugiyama gave presentation briefing on the Arizona Dept. of Transportation. Mayor Murphy had the question of if project is cancelled could we implement plan where funds would go to the next applicant in line.

V. National Semiconductor Roadmap-Jill Howard Allen, Arizona Commerce Authority

Jill Howard Allen gave a briefing on the National Semiconductor Roadmap. Jill Howard Allen will distribute presentation - see presentation for details.

VI. Build Back Better Grant application-Chamai Shahim, Arizona Commerce Authority
Table for next meeting.

VII. ACA Update – Keith Watkins, Arizona Commerce Authority

Keith Watkins provided updates ACA's business attraction and expansion projects (38 Mega Projects) and the release of the Broadband Grant for \$100M.

VIII. Roundtable Discussion

Each attendee gave an update regarding their respective community.

IX. Call to Public

No members of the public were in attendance.

X. Adjournment

Keith Watkins moved to adjourn; all voted in favor; the meeting adjourned at 11:43 AM.