

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

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 2:30 P.M.

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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 2:31 P.M. Teri Orman, ACA, noted roll call:

Committee Members Present Via Zoom

- Keith Watkins, ACA (Acting Chairman)
- Angie Harmon, Statewide
- Mayor Tom Murphy, Pima County
- Tony Boone, Cochise County
- Paul Watson, Navajo County
- David Bentler, Maricopa County
- Donald "DL" Wilson, La Paz County
- Mayor Doug Nicholls, Yuma County

Committee Members Not Present

- Levi Esquerra Tribal Representative
- Joy Staveley, Coconino County
- Ellen Kretsch, Gila County
- Ron Gould, Mohave County
- Jaime Chamberlain, Santa Cruz County
- Ron Fain, Yavapai County
- VACANT, Apache County
- VACANT, Graham County
- VACANT, Greenlee County

Other Attendees

- Jamie Kerr – VP, Rural Economic Development (ACA)
- Teri Orman – Procurement and Grants Manager (ACA)
- Glenn Hammer – CEO (Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry)

Of the 15 filled seats of the RBDAC, a quorum was present. The meeting was noticed and properly posted.



II. Approval of Minutes Dated August 27, 2020 Meeting

Keith Watkins moved to approve the minutes, as is. DL Wilson and Mayor Tom Murphy seconded the motion; all in favor; the motion was approved.

III. Arizona Chamber of Commerce, Elections and key issues for 2021 Legislative Session update, Mr. Glenn Hammer, CEO

Glen Hammer gave a briefing on the upcoming election and key issues for the 2021 Legislative Session. Reviewed items that might affect rural Arizona and how propositions may affect future business moving to the state of Arizona.

IV. Arizona Commerce Authority update, Keith Watkins, Sr. V.P.

Keith Watkins provided updates on broadband, Venture Ready, Pima Community College's film crew training partnership program, business expansion efforts, and the Rural Empowering Arizona web series.

V. Roundtable Discussion

Each attendee gave an update regarding their respective community.

VI. Call to Public

No members of the public were in attendance.

VII. Adjournment

Keith Watkins moved to adjourn; all voted in favor; the meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

