

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

**June 29, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Meeting ID: 923 7018 4457**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Danny Seiden, newly appointed Chairman, called the meeting of the Rural Business Development Advisory Council to order at 10:07 AM. Sarah Forlano, Arizona Chamber of Commerce, noted roll call:

Committee Members Present Via Zoom

- Danny Seiden, Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry (Chairman)
- Keith Watkins, Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA)
- Levi Esquerra, Tribal Representative
- Tony Boone, Cochise County
- Mayor Tom Murphy, Pima County
- Jaime Chamberlain, Santa Cruz County
- Gary Kellogg, Mohave County
- Julie Pastrick, Coconino County
- Mayor Doug Nicholls, Yuma County
- Angie Harmon, Statewide
- Fernando Shipley, Gila County
- Tricia Lewis, Yavapai County

Committee Members Not Present

- Keith Johnson, City of Pinetop-Lakeside
- VACANT, Maricopa County
- VACANT, La Paz County
- VACANT, Apache County
- VACANT, Graham County
- VACANT, Greenlee County

Other Attendees

- Jamie Kerr – VP, Rural Economic Development (ACA)
- Greg Byres – State Engineer, ADOT
- Heather Escobedo – Project Manager, HR/Operational Excellence (ACA)
- Sarah Forlano – Executive Assistant – Arizona Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Teri Orman – Manager – Procurement/Grants (ACA)
- Tanya Sandoval – Grants Administrator (ACA)

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 December 7, 2021 RBDAC Meeting Minutes  
Mayor Tom Murphy moved to approve minutes, as is. Jamie seconded the motion; all in favor; the motion was approved.
- b. Approval of the Future Meeting Dates  
Levi Esquerro moved to approve dates, as is. Mayor Tom Murphy seconded the motion; all in favor; the motion was approved.

**III. ESP Grant Awards – Keith Watkins, Arizona Commerce Authority & Teri Orman, Arizona Commerce Authority**

Teri Orman provided Award grantees and details. See summary distributed by Teri Orman for more details.

**IV. ADOT 5 Year Plan Update - Greg Byers, State Engineer, ADOT**

Greg Byers, ADOT provided update on ADOT's 5 Year Plan. Greg Byers will distribute presentation - see presentation for details.

**V. ACA Update – Keith Watkins, Arizona Commerce Authority**

Keith Watkins provided updates on ACA's business attraction and expansion projects – 93 projects, 22,000 jobs and 23M Capital Investments. Keith also provided a legislative update.

**VI. Roundtable Discussion**

Each attendee gave an update regarding their respective community.

**VII. Call to Public**

No members of the public were in attendance.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Keith Watkins and Mayor Tom Murphy moved to adjourn; Fernando Shipley seconded the motion; all in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

