

Cheyenne-Laramie County Economic Development Joint Powers Board

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2024- 7:30 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting – Zoom & Cheyenne Regional Airport Board Room
4020 Airport Pkwy W Cheyenne, WY 82001

Board Members in Attendance

Shari Bremer, Secretary/Treasurer – In Person
Dr. JJ Chen – In Person
Dave Keiter – In Person
Kevin Marquardt – In Person
Josh Morris – In Person
Trey Rinne, Vice Chair – In Person
Mike Williams, Chair – In Person

Nick Colsch, LCCC – In Person
Baylie Evans, Gener8tor – In Person
Minden Fox, LCCC – Zoom
Lonny Graves, Business Owner – In person
Carleen Graves, Business Owner – In person
Betsey Hale, LEADS - Zoom
Linda Heath, Laramie County – Zoom
Kenny Overby, SBDC – Zoom
Renee Smith, City of Chey – Zoom
Dr. Mark Rinne, Cheyenne – In Person
Amber Trevizio, Visit Cheyenne – In Person
Caroline Veit, Chey Children’s Museum – In Person

Others in Attendance

Kristie Wilson, Align – In Person
Zach Valerio, Align – In Person
Chris Brennan, WRA&B Counsel – In Person

The regular meeting of the Cheyenne-Laramie County Economic Development Joint Powers Board began at 7:30 a.m. with all seven board members present in person. Mike Williams, Chair, presiding.

Action Items

The Cheyenne-Laramie County Economic Development Joint Powers Board meeting agenda for March 26, 2024, was presented for adoption. Mike Williams requested an amendment to add a last-minute grantee to Section VI. New Business.

A Rinne/Chen motion was made and seconded to adopt the February 27, 2024, meeting agenda. The motion passed as amended unanimously.

The Cheyenne-Laramie County Economic Development Joint Powers Board, February 27, 2024, consent agenda was presented for adoption.

A Rinne/Morris motion was made and seconded to adopt the March 26, 2024, consent agenda; February 27, 2024, meeting minutes; February 29, 2024, financials; and the March 2024 vouchers totaling \$21,903.90. The motion passed unanimously.

Partner and Grantee Updates

City of Cheyenne

Councilman Rinne gave a report for the City.

Laramie County

Commissioner Linda Heath reported for the County.

LEADS

Betsey Hale gave a report for Cheyenne LEADS and an update on legislative amendments from last night.

Visit Cheyenne

Domenic Bravo gave a report for Visit Cheyenne.

March 2024 – Guest Speaker

Baylie Evans, gBETA Wyoming, gBETA Managing Director, and gener8to Wyoming Fund Principal was the guest speaker explaining the gener8tor and gBETA Wyoming programs to the JPB.

New Business

LCCC/CBEA Partner Update & Request for Funding FY 2024/25

Nick Colsch reported on the 2023-24 JPB Grant Accomplishments. There was a funding request for FY 2024/25 in the amount of \$73,000 billed quarterly at \$18,250. The Board will consider and vote at the April 2024 meeting.

Cheyenne Children’s Museum Funding Request

Caroline Veit, President of the Cheyenne Children’s Museum Board, presented the CMC funding request, asking for an additional funding request in the amount of \$50,000 to support the fabrication and installation of exhibits. The JPB will vote at their April 23, 2024, meeting.

Last Minute Grantee Funding Request

Lonny and Carleen Graves of LLC Investments are requesting \$36,511 in grant funding for the town’s car self-service car wash. The Board will consider and vote at the April 2024 meeting.

Old Business

Currie’s Cuisine 2023-24 Funding Request – Update

This funding request was tabled for voting from the February 2024 meeting to today, March 26, 2024. Mike Williams has been working with the Curries for different paths or funding options before the JPB votes on this particular grant. The Curries will continue the conversation after their taxes are done this week.

LCCC/Be Entrepreneurial Judge Volunteers

Mike asked for Board volunteers for this project, which was approved at the last meeting. Discussion was that two judges from the Board with two other outside judges would be enough representation. Minden Fox stated that May 20, 2024, would be the judging date. Since JJ Chen and Dave Keiter are both available on May 20th, they both volunteered to be judges. Chris Brennan, counsel to the Board, will contact Minden and her team for contract specifics.

Adjourn

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m. The next regular Cheyenne-Laramie County Economic Development Joint Powers Board meeting will be held on Zoom and in person at the Cheyenne Regional Airport Boardroom on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 7:30 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by:

Kristie Wilson

Minutes Signed by Chair after Board approval:

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Mike Williams

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Mike Williams, Chair
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Signature by Sec/Treas of Minutes Publication:

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