

Laramie County Economic Development Joint Powers Board
Board of Directors - Minutes – March 28, 2023- 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 – In Person
Dr. JJ Chen – In Person
Sharon Fain – Zoom
Josh Morris – In Person
Mike Williams -- In Person

Board Members/Staff Not In Attendance

Kevin Marquardt
Trey Rinne
Brittany Ashby, Align

Others in Attendance

Sara DiRienzo, Align – In Person
Kristie Wilson, Align – In Person
Gay Woodhouse, WRA&B Counsel – In Person
Charles Bloom, City of Cheyenne – Zoom
Chris Brennan, WRA&B Counsel – In Person
Tim Bradshaw, CRAirport – In Person
Domenic Bravo – Visit Cheyenne - Zoom
Betsey Hale - Zoom
Linda Heath, Laramie Cty Commissioner – Zoom
Dr. Mark Rinne – City of Cheyenne – Zoom

The regular meeting of the Cheyenne Laramie County Economic Development Joint Powers Board assembled with all Board members present at 7:31 a.m., in person and via Zoom, with Mike Williams, board chair presiding.

Action Items

The Laramie County Economic Development Joint Powers Board meeting agenda for March 28, 2023, was presented for adoption.

A JJ Chen/Sharon Fain motion was made and seconded to adopt the March 28, 2023, meeting agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The Laramie County Economic Development Joint Powers Board March 28, 2023, consent agenda was presented for adoption.

A JJ Chen/Shari Bremer motion was made and seconded to adopt the March 28, 2023, consent agenda; February 28, 2023, meeting minutes; February 28, 2023, financials; and the March 2023 vouchers totaling \$21,650.25. The motion passed unanimously.

Economic Development Topics

A legislative session update was presented to the board by Sara DiRienzo, WEDA Lobbyist with a focus on how the session impacts the statewide economic development landscape. Sara and Betsey Hale, the co-chair of the legislation committee for WEDA, answered questions from the board. Legislators were invited, but unable to attend this meeting. The invitation for the legislators to speak to the JPB will be extended to April's meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Other Business

Gay Woodhouse officially announced her retirement from her law practice and introduced her colleague Chris Brennan as a replacement to the JPB as counsel. The Board thanked Gay for her service to the JPB since 2013.

Partner Updates

City of Cheyenne

Councilman Dr. Rinne gave an update from the City level.

Laramie County

Commissioner Linda Heath represented Laramie County and provided a brief report on activities.

Mike Williams asked how the JPB could participate in the County's budget process. Heath suggested a funding agreement to increase the current JPB funding or any additional request could be submitted to Stanley Walker or any commissioner. Gay Woodhouse will review and submit a new agreement for FY 2023/24 for review at the April JPB meeting.

DDA

Charles Bloom was introduced as Executive Director of DDA in the interim and explained how DDA will operate going forward. Processes and documents will be updated and streamlined. Charles explained that they have DDA website which will include minutes and agendas. www.cheyennecity.org/dda

LEADS

Betsey Hale provided an update on the most recent LEADS projects. Betsey suggests having Dale Steenbergen with the Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce be invited to discuss housing as well as foreign property ownership topics in the future at the next JPB meeting.

Visit Cheyenne

Domenic Bravo gave an update and report on Visit Cheyenne.

Airport

Tim Bradshaw gave highlights of the airport's projects and parking lot expansion. Air service will be suspended until September 10, 2023.

Align

Sara DiRienzo, Director of Associations at Align, gave a report and attended the meeting in the absence of Brittany Ashby.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 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 25, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.