Cheyenne-Laramie County Economic Development Joint Powers Board

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2025 - 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

Dave Keiter – In Person Kevin Marquardt – Zoom Josh Morris, Vice-Chair - In Person

Trey Rinne, Chair – In Person
Mike Williams – In Person

Board Members Absent

Dr. JJ Chen

Others in Attendance

Brittany Ashby, Align – In Person
Kristie Wilson, Align – In Person
Zach Valerio, Align – In Person
Aaron Roybal, Align – In Person
Chris Brennan, Counsel – Zoom
Dr. Mark Rinne, City Council – In Person
Commissioner Gunnar Malm, Laramie Co – In Person
Adam Keizer, LCSD#1 – In Person
Betsey Hale, LEADS - Zoom
Kaley Holyfield, WBC – In Person

Irene Parsons, DDA/City – In Person Amber Trevizo, Visit Cheyenne – In Person Domenic Bravo, Visit Cheyenne – In Person

Sophia Maes, DDA – In Person Feliciana Turner, IAE – In Person Mel Turner, IAE – In Person Matt Sackett, LCCC – In Person

Stan Hartzheim, DoubleHLoans – In Person

Rick Rothwell, IAE – In Person

Cortney Johnson, Discover Cheyenne – In Person

Kenny Overby, SBDC – In Person

Lonny Graves, - Zoom

Tonya Hacker, LCCC - In Person

Cheryl Bean, - In Person

Jim Johnson, Children's Museum – In Person Genee Vidakovich, Edge Flyte – In Person

The regular meeting of the Cheyenne-Laramie County Economic Development Joint Powers Board began at 7:30 a.m. with six of seven board members present. Trey Rinne, Chair, presiding.

Action Items

The Cheyenne-Laramie County Economic Development Joint Powers Board meeting agenda for April 22, 2025, was presented for adoption.

A Morris/Williams motion was made and seconded to adopt April 22, 2025, meeting agenda with the amendment. The motion passed as amended unanimously.

The Cheyenne-Laramie County Economic Development Joint Powers Board, April 22, 2025, consent agenda was presented for adoption.

A Williams/Morris motion was made and seconded to adopt April 22 2025, consent agenda, March 25, 2025, meeting minutes, March 31, 2025, financials, and the April 2025, vouchers totaling \$4,669.52. The motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker

Adam Keizer, Workforce Partnership Facilitator from CTE Career & Technical Education of Laramie County School District #1 was the guest speaker for the Board.

Grantee Update

Lonny Graves, Owner of LLC Investments, updated the Board on his 2024/25 grant award and asked for an extension of 180 days. Michael would like to see an amended application that shows the more affordable estimate Lonny Graves was able to obtain that is different than the original ask. Staff will work with Lonny Graves to get all requested documents

Kevin Marquardt moved to approve 50% of the grant request. Josh Morris seconded the amendment to the contract with the time extension and the funding of 50% of the original project cost to honor the current contract.

Discussion: Mike Williams would like to table the decision until updated information and an amended application is received from Lonny Graves. Josh Morris still wants to fund the 50% of the original request. Kevin wants to honor the same as per the original contract. Kevin would still like to fund at least 50% of the program if possible

A Morris/Williams motion was made to postpone the vote until May 27, 2025, to consider the original motion after all newly requested documentation has been reviewed. VOTE: 5 yay, 1 nay. Motion carried.

Partner Updates

City of Cheyenne

Councilman Rinne gave the update for the City.

Laramie County

Commissioner Malm gave a report for the County.

LEADS

Betsey Hale gave the report for Cheyenne LEADS.

Children's Mueseum

Jim Johnson, Board member from the museum came to give a report for the museum.

DDA

Sophia Maes gave an update for the DDA.

LCCC

Tonya Hacker gave a report for LCCC.

Visit Cheyenne

Amber Trevizo gave the impact report for the year for Visit Cheyenne.

Wyoming Business Council

Kayley Holyfield gave the update for WBC.

Water Tower Project

Cortney Johnson gave an update on the project.

New Business

Interaction Amusement Experience, LLC

Mel and Feliciana Turner presented to the Board a funding request of \$5,000 for billboard, mailer advertisements and social media marketing efforts to help their new business. They come with a recommendation from Kenny Overby from Wyoming SBDC. The Board will vote at the May 27, 2025, meeting.

LCCC/WBEA

Matt Sackett, Interim Director, gave 2024/25 grant update and requested \$73,000 in quarterly installments of \$18,250 for the FY2025/24 for the data the center provides. The Board will vote at the May 27, 2025, meeting.

Old Business

CPA Review RFP Update

Kristie Wilson provided an update on the RFP for the 2024/25 CPA Review.

Partner Videos

Zach Valerio presented two new partner videos for review before releasing them online.

Adjourn

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 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, May 27, 2025, at 7:30 a.m.

Minutes Submitted by:

Kristie Wilson

Minutes Signed by Chair after Board approval:

Signature by Sec/Treas of Minutes Publication:

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Shari Bremer, Secretary/Treasurer

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