



## Rural Business Development Advisory Council Minutes

### PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Arizona Commerce Authority  
333 North Central Avenue, Suite 1900  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

Draft Minutes

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

Keith Watkins called the meeting to order at 10:06a.m. by welcoming members.

The meeting was noticed and properly posted. Melanie Beemer proceeded to call the roll.

##### Committee Members Present

Ben File  
Nolan Larson  
Julie Pastrick  
Stephen Rutherford

##### Via Conference Line

David Bentler  
Julie Engel  
Gary Kellogg  
Becky Nutt  
D.L. Wilson

##### Committee Members Absent

Bill Assenmacher  
Eddie Browning  
Teri Grier  
Ellen Kretsch  
Matthew Mandel  
Les Orchekowsky

ACA Staff Members

Keith Watkins

Ben Bronson

Melanie Beemer

II. Welcome Remarks

Keith Watkins welcomed each member to the Rural Business Development Advisory Council Meeting and informed the group that the two remaining open positions on the Council have been filled, and a Chairman has been chosen.

Each member of the Council then updated the group on upcoming projects.

III. Introductions-Each Council Member

No new introductions made at this time.

IV. Overview of 2012 Rural Grant and selection of Review Committee

Keith Watkins reviewed the number of submissions for the Rural Grant and a Review Committee was established. The following volunteers were chosen to be members of the review committee:

Dave Bentler

Gary Kellogg

Keith Watkins

Mignonne Hollis

Eric Duthie

V. Preferred Prospect Profiles Initiative

Keith Watkins introduced the Preferred Prospect Profiles Initiative, gave overview of project, and asked the group for feedback.

VI. Certified Sites Initiative

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VII. Adjournment

Julie Pastrick and Keith Watkins thanked the group for coming and called for the meeting to adjourn at 11:11 am.