



## Rural Business Development Advisory Council Minutes

### PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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

Thursday, January 17, 2013

Draft Minutes

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

Julie Pastrick called the meeting to order at 12:06p.m. starting with introductions around the room.

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

##### Committee Members Present in Person

Bill Assenmacher  
David Bentler  
Ben File  
Angela Harmon  
Nolan Larson  
Les Orchekowsky  
Julie Pastrick  
LeRoy Shingoitewa

##### Committee Members Present Via Conference Line

Gary Kellogg  
D.L. Wilson

##### Committee Members Absent

Julie Engel  
Teri Grier  
Kip Kempton

Ellen Kretsch  
Matthew Mandel  
Becky Nutt  
Stephen Rutherford

ACA Staff Members

Keith Watkins  
Ben Bronson  
Melanie Beemer

- II. Approval of Minutes from July 18, 2012 & October 3, 2012  
Bill Assenmacher moved to approve the July 18, 2012 and October 3, 2013 minutes, David Bentler seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
- III. Certified Sites Initiative  
Members from Foote Consulting gave presentation regarding benefits and steps to creating Certified Sites projects statewide.
- IV. Aerospace & Defense / Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)  
Birgitte Santaella of the Arizona Commerce Authority gave a presentation on the ACA's involvement in aerospace and defense and unmanned aircraft systems.
- V. Arizona Commerce Authority Update  
Keith Watkins gave a presentation on other current ACA projects
- VI. Establishment of Rural Grant criteria committee  
Keith Watkins asked for volunteers to join committee to re-evaluate criteria for rural grant. David Bentler, Angela Harmon, LeRoy Shingoitewa and Julie Pastrick volunteered to be on the committee.  
  
Bill Assenmacher moved to vote on committee members, David Bentler seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
- VII. Morrison Institute Report Findings  
Julie Pastrick asked that council members view report outside the meeting and re-visit this at the next meeting.
- VIII. Call to Board Members for Items for Future Agendas  
Julie Pastrick asked members for any suggestions on topics for the next meeting. Bill Assenmacher would like to discuss promoting mining in rural Arizona. David Bentler would like to have a policy discussion on economic development. Angela Harmon would like to discuss translational sciences from rural perspective. Julie Pastrick stated the RBDAC meeting would now be held every other month.

IX. Call to Public

No members of the public were present.

X. Adjournment

David Bentler motioned for meeting adjournment, Bill Assenmacher seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.