

Rural Business Development Advisory Council Minutes

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Julie Pastrick called the meeting to order at 12:09p.m. starting with introductions around the room.

The meeting was noticed and properly posted.

Committee Members Present in Person

David Bentler
Julie Engel
Ben File
Angela Harmon
Nolan Larson
Becky Nutt
Les Orchekowsky
Julie Pastrick
LeRoy Shingoitewa

Committee Members Present Via Conference Line

Gary Kellogg
D.L. Wilson

Committee Members Absent

Bill Assenmacher
Teri Grier
Kip Kempton

Ellen Kretsch
Matthew Mandel
Stephen Rutherford

ACA Staff Members

Keith Watkins
Ken Chapa
Melanie Beemer

Guests Present

Glenn Schlottman-AZ Office of Tourism

Ioanna Morfessis-Io, Inc.
Susan Hart-The Hopi Tribe

- II. Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2013
David Bentler moved to approve January 17, 2013 minutes, Les Orchekowsky seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
- III. Arizona Commerce Authority Update
Keith Watkins updated the council on the progress and importance of the UAS project, Certified Sites project, potential gun manufacturer projects, and the Apache Railway.
- IV. Arizona Office of Tourism Presentation
Keith Watkins introduced Glenn Schlottman from the Arizona Office of Tourism, and Glenn gave presentation about tourism ads and promotions and how they can partner with and benefit rural areas of the state.
- V. Morrison Institute Report Findings
Julie Pastrick introduced Ioanna Morfessis, who discussed the findings of the Morrison Institute's state economic development survey.
- VI. Call to Council Members for Future Agenda Items
LeRoy Shingoitewa asked for future discussion of how tribes and economic development could partner better. David Bentler asked for discussion on projects that are already underway and how as a group they could help facilitate them. The group discussed the importance of the pot ash mining projects and the Apache Railroad project to rural economic development. Julie Pastrick suggested bringing in representatives from the mining industry to a future meeting.

Ben File moved to vote on writing a letter in support of the pot ash mining projects and the Apache Railroad projects and emphasize the potential job creation and economic development impact across the state. Julie Engle seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
- VII. Call to Public
No requests to speak were made.
- VIII. Adjournment
Julie Pastrick adjourned the meeting at 1:53PM