

Wasatch Front Economic Development District – Special Session
Meeting Minutes
 January 14, 2019

A meeting of the Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) was held on Monday, January 14, 2019 in the offices of Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Welcome and Introductions [Recording 00:00]

Commissioner Shawn Milne, Chair, called the meeting to order. Mr. Milne welcomed committee members and guests, and introductions were made. The following were in attendance:

IN ATTENDANCE	WFEDD MEMBERS
	DAVIS COUNTY
	PUBLIC SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES
	Member: Michael Bouwhuis, Vice Chair (Davis Technical College)
	Alternate: T. Craig Bott (Grow Utah)
	Member: Jim Smith (Davis County)
	Alternate: Bob Stevenson (Layton City)
	PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES
	Strategy Committee: Bruce Davis (Weber State University)
	Alternate: TBD
	Strategy Committee: Reid Newey (Davis School District)
x	Alternate: Chris Williams (Davis School District)
	MORGAN COUNTY
	PUBLIC SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES
x	Member: Tina Cannon (Morgan County)
	Alternate: John Barber (Morgan County)
x	Member: Ty Bailey (Morgan City)
	Alternate: Ray Little (Morgan City)
	PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES
	Strategy Committee: Shaun Peterson (Peterson Wealth Services)
	Alternate: TBD
	Strategy Committee: Gavin McCleary (Farm Bureau Financial)
	Alternate: TBD
	SALT LAKE COUNTY
	PUBLIC SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES
	Member: Kurt Bradburn (Sandy City)
	Alternate: TBD
	Member: Carlton Christensen (Salt Lake)
	Stuart Clason (Salt Lake County)
	PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES
x	Strategy Committee: Susie Becker (Zions Public Finance)
x	Alternate: Benj Becker (Zions Public Finance)
	Chris DeHerrera (Associated Builders & Contractors)
	TOOELE COUNTY
	PUBLIC SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES
x	Member: Shawn Milne, Chair (Tooele County)
x	Alternate: Debbie Winn (Tooele City)
	PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES
x	Member: Chris Sloan (Group 1 Real Estate)
	Alternate: Scott Snelson (Tooele Applied Tech College)
	Strategy Committee: Todd R. Bingham (Utah Manufacturers Assoc.)
	Alternate: TBD
	Strategy Committee: Randy Sant (Economic Development Constl.)
	Alternate: TBD
	WEBER COUNTY
	PUBLIC SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES
x	Member: Gage Froerer (Weber County)
	Alternate: Russell Porter (South Ogden City)
	PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES
x	Member: Scott Parkinson (Bank of Utah)
x	Alternate: Rick Fairbanks (Ogden Exchange Club)
x	Strategy Committee: Jeff Edwards (UAMMI)
	Alternate: TBD
	Strategy Committee: Joseph Spence (Summit Powder Mountain)
	Alternate: TBD
	STATEWIDE
	PUBLIC SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES
	Member: Benjamin Hart (Governor's Office of Economic Development)
x	Alternate: Tom Wadsworth (GOED)
	Member: Carrie Mayne (Utah Department of Workforce Services)
	Alternate: Mark Knold (Utah DWS)
	PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES

	Strategy Committee: Lew Cramer (Coldwell Banker Commercial)
	Alternate: TBD
	Strategy Committee: Darin Mellott (CBRE)
	Alternate: TBD
x	Strategy Committee: Abby Osborne (Salt Lake Chamber)
	Alternate: Michael Parker (Ivory Homes)

WFEDD Representatives and Others Present

Kent Andersen	West Jordan City
Shawn Beus	Davis County
Megan Christensen	Davis County
Christy Dahlberg	WFRC
LaNiece Davenport	WFRC
Katie Gerard	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Scott Hess	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Guy Letendre	Weber State University
Liesl Limburg	Salt Lake City Economic Development
Roberta Reichgelt	Salt Lake City
Wilf Sommerkorn	Salt Lake County
Kent Toole	Salt Lake City

ACTION: November 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Shawn Milne [Recording 02:46]

Commissioner Milne entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Wasatch Front Economic Development District meeting held on November 18, 2018. Councilmember Tina Cannon, Morgan County, motioned to approve these minutes, and it was seconded by Abby Osborne, Salt Lake Chamber. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Opportunity for Public Comment [Recording 03:58]

There was none.

ACTION: Vote for Chair and Vice Chair committee positions – Shawn Milne [Recording 04:11]

Commissioner Shawn Milne stated that it has been an honor to serve as the Chair of the Wasatch Front Economic Development District committee and said that he has really appreciated all the support that he has been given.

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, reviewed the process in which a new Chair and Vice Chair were selected. He reminded the committee that the WFEDD is housed within the WFRC Council, but exists as a separate committee that has appointments from the Councils of Government from around the region and also private sector members. He stated that for all of the other committees at WFRC, there is a nominating committee that makes nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council and its committees. Technically the WFEDD selects its own Chair and Vice Chair. None the less, the nominating committee has sent its recommendation to appoint Abby Osborne from the Salt Lake Chamber, the next WFEDD Chair. For Vice Chair, the recommendation would be to not make that selection during this meeting, but to allow the COG meetings to finish being held, and then hold a meeting of the COG appointed members to decide the Vice Chair position as well as appoint the remaining members to the WFEDD Board and Strategy Committee.

Commissioner Milne entertained a motion to remove himself as the current Chair of the EDD, and as per the recommendation, to appoint Abby Osborne as the new Chair of the EDD. Commissioner Gage Froerer, Weber County, motioned to approve and it was seconded by Councilmember Tina Cannon, Morgan County. This motion passes unanimously.

ACTION: 2019 WFEDD Objectives Review and Adoption – Scott Hess [Recording 10:59]

Scott Hess, WFRC, reviewed the WFEDD Annual Objectives with the committee. These four objectives include:

1. Complete, adopt, and report on the 2018-2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).
2. Promote Wasatch Choice 2050 as a coordinated growth, quality of life, and economic development strategy.
3. Integrate state, regional, and local transportation decisions with economic development efforts to improve access between workforce, housing, and jobs.
 - Incorporate economic development into state, regional, and local transportation planning and funding*
 - Incorporate growth patterns and transportation infrastructure into economic development decisions*
4. Inform state, regional, and local stakeholders about economic development plans and strategies.

Abby Osborne, Chair, entertained a motion to approve the WFEDD Annual Objectives. Commissioner Milne, Tooele County, motioned to approve, and it was seconded by Chris Sloan, Group 1 Real Estate. This motion passes unanimously.

CEDS Data Collection Initial Results – Benj Becker, Zions Public Finance [Recording 21:30]

Scott Hess, WFRC, gave a brief introduction commenting that the CEDS would have been completed in September 2018, however, as a group it was decided to take a step back, and we received an extension from EDA to align the CEDS with the adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the regional vision with completion in May 2019. He commented that this gives us a unique chance to take the goals and outcomes and all of the forward push that we do on Wasatch Choice 2050 and roll all of the economic development strategies into that.

Benj Becker, Zions Public Finance, presented on the CEDS initial data. During his presentation, Mr. Becker discussed the following:

- Population
- Employment
- Households
- Ages
- Household Incomes
- Household Costs
- Housing Values
- Commute

The presentation given during this meeting was sent to the committee members and also posted on the WFRC website and the Public Notice Website.

There was a lengthy discussion on this topic.

Foreign Trade Zone – Liesel Limburg [Recording 1:08:26]

Liesel Limburg, Salt Lake City Economic Development, presented on the Foreign Trade Zone. She explained that currently there are about 300 operating Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ) in the United States, and about 450 worldwide. She said that many countries have “free trade” zones to expedite and encourage foreign commerce. The purpose of the U.S. FTZ of 1934 was focused on revitalizing trade after the Smoot Hawley Act of 1930 and the Great Depression, and was focused on creating jobs and investment in the U.S. that could potentially be off-shored. She explained that an FTZ is federally-designed secure location in the U.S. considered to be outside of the U.S. commerce. Merchandise and goods entered into an FTZ are treated as if they are located outside of the U.S. for customs or duty purposes. She explained that we are currently operating under FTZ 30, which is a 60-mile radius around Salt Lake City. The southernmost border is Spanish Fork, and the

northernmost border is Brigham City. Ms. Limburg discussed activities permitted in an FTZ, and discussed the basic financial benefits.

Round-Table Discussion – WFEDD and Partners [Recording 1:25:36]

There were no comments.

Other Business [Recording 1:25:50]

Open and Public Meetings Act Training Video

Abby Osborne entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting following the 11-minute Utah Open and Public Meetings Act video. Commissioner Milne motioned to adjourn following the video, and it was seconded by Councilmember Cannon. The Public Meetings Act video was shown, and following, the meeting was adjourned.