

Marion County Economic Development Advisory Board
February 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes
555 Court St NE, 5th Floor Salem, OR

	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	%
Nate Brown	A	P	A	-	P	-	P	-	-	P	-	A	57%
Kevin Cameron	P	P	P	-	A	-	P	-	-	P	-	P	100%
Tom Chambers	P	A	P	-	A	-	P	-	-	A	-	A	43%
Bill Cummins	P	P	P	-	A	-	P	-	-	A	-	P	71%
Chad Freeman	P	A	A	-	P	-	A	-	-	P	-	P	57%
Lesa Goff	P	P	P	-	P	-	A	-	-	A	-	P	71%
Jose Gonzalez	A	A	A	-	A	-	A	-	-	A	-	A	0%
Bob Hill	P	A	P	-	P	-	P	-	-	A	-	A	71%
Jay Kemble	A	P	A	-	A	-	P	-	-	A	-	A	43%
Nate Levin	P	P	A	-	A	-	P	-	-	P	-	P	71%
Allison McKenzie	P	A	A	-	P	-	P	-	-	P	-	P	71%
Angie Onyewuchi	A	P	A	-	P	-	A	-	-	P	-	P	43%
AJ Nash	P	P	P	-	P	-	P	-	-	P	-	P	100%
Jim Rasmussen	P	P	P	-	P	-	S	-	-	A	-	A	57%
Dave Tibbets	A	P	A	-	P	-	P	-	-	P	-	A	57%
Ian Tolleson	A	A	P	-	P	-	A	-	-	A	-	A	29%
Renata Wakeley	P	A	P	-	A	-	A	-	-	P	-	P	57%
Wendy Veliz	P	A	A	-	A	-	P	-	-	A	-	A	29%

**Note that per the Bylaws call in attendance is tracked as an absence for the meeting.*

Members Present: Kevin Cameron, Bill Cummins, Chad Freeman, Lesa Goff, Nathan Levin, Allison McKenzie, Angie Onyewuchi, AJ Nash, and Renata Wakeley.

Staff and Guests Present: Tamra Goettsch, Annie Gorski, Dennie Houle, James, LaBar, Sarah Spinks, and Abisha Stone.

Agenda Item: Welcome, Introductions & Announcements

Information/Discussion: Onyewuchi welcomed the group and asked for self-introductions. Chad introduced new SEDCOR staff Abisha Stone who will be working in Yamhill County.

Action: None.

Agenda Item: February Minutes

Information/Discussion: Onyewuchi presented the minutes and called for comment; no discussion was held.

Action: A motion was brought forth to approve the February minutes; a second was made. The motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

Agenda Item: Economic Development Budget/Strategy

Information/Discussion: Hogue presented the Economic Development budget as presented to the Board of Commissioners at the March Work Session. Hogue walked through the document and noted the grouping of budget items according to the draft Economic Development Strategic Plan and described a few of the projects itemized under each strategy area. Hogue called attention to the highlighted items which are grant to be reviewed and recommended by EDAB to the Board of Commissioners for funding. Hogue noted that there will be a change in the focus of Business Grants in the coming year from general job creation grants to focus on agriculture innovation and tied to new metrics other than job creation. Cameron noted that these could be noted by increase in gross domestic product as innovation in agriculture may not equal more jobs but efficiency. Hogue described a change in Community Project Grants that included three budget lines instead of one; this change accounts for three different ways that community project grants will be awarded: 1) Board of Commissioners discretionary grants related to

community projects, 2) community development grants to cities for technical assistance projects that align with the Strategic Plan and are processed through staff, and 3) the grants to be reviewed and recommended by EDAB. Lavin shared that he was delighted at the presentation as it is the first time he has seen all of the various project and components pulled together and put into a concerted plan. Cameron asked if it would be safe to say that members present were supportive of the budget presented. All members present confirmed that they agreed with that statement; Nash was not present in the room that the time of the poll of the members.

Action: None

Agenda Item: Community Project Grants

Information/Discussion: Due to a lack of quorum, Onyewuchi recommended that the grant discussion be deferred to the next month's meeting; all members present were in agreement.

Action: None

Agenda Item: Future of EDAB

Information/Discussion: Onyewuchi stated that the group had been struggling with attendance for several meetings and the executive committee has been having a hard time coming up with relevant agenda items that don't include tours and grant reviews. This has led the executive committee to question if EDAB still has relevance and Onyewuchi wanted to bring that discussion to the board to get a feel for where everyone else stood. Cummins shared that he thinks the evolution of the board and where the program is going is great, but contradictory to that statement he thinks that the relevance of EDAB has changed with the reduction of grant monies. Cummins also noted that the group use to bring groups in to listen to them and that grantees would come in to give presentations on their applications. Onyewuchi stated that while she enjoys the presentations and tours as well, she questioned what value that contributing to the County. McKenzie shared that she enjoys the group and has found a lot of value in the site tours and conversations that have occurred but knows that there is more capacity with new staff and the strategic plan so is open to the idea of determining a new direction if there isn't valued to be added.

Action: None

Agenda Item: New Business, Comments and Closing

Information/Discussion: None.

Meeting adjourned: 5:00 PM

**Note: Due to an error with the recording machine, no audio of the meeting was recorded, the specifics of the action may not be noted. Input and correction was requested from EDAB members at the May 9, 2018 meeting and no corrections were given.*