



Morgan County Economic Opportunity Board

Location: Morgan Business Resource Center/Virtual (Teams)

August Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2025 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Attendees Invited: *John Barber, Mayor Steve Gale, Ty Bailey, Andrew Willis, Darren Rogers, Carol Brooks, Traca Wardell, Sherry Stevens, Justin Rees, Mercer Owen, Kate Becker, Andrea Brooks, Raelene Blocker, Adam Peek, Becca Nelson*

- 1) Welcome to Morgan County Economic Development Board
 - a. Approval of the August 6, 2025 Agenda
 - Motion to approve by Traca, seconded by Justin
 - b. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
 - None
 - c. Approval of Minutes from June 4th, 2025
 - Motion to approve by Andrea, seconded by Raelene
- 2) Economic Outlook and Current Opportunities: **(2 minutes each)**
 - a. Workforce Services:
 - June unemployment rates 4.1, Utah 3.2, Morgan 3.0
 - Darren left a handout and will send a link to Carol to distribute.
 - b. State Parks:
 - Tri Utah is this Saturday at East Canyon from 4-8pm.
 - A Dignitary came to visit last Saturday.
 - Loss Creek construction on schedule, 90% done by first snowfall. Campground will open in the Spring.
 - June was the busiest month ever at East Canyon.
 - c. Business Resource Center:
 - Introduced Adam Peek as the new Director of the BRC.
 - Friday is the last day of the AI series in Kaysville.
 - Stacy has moved onto another job and applications have been submitted for her replacement. Interviews will begin next week.
 - Traca asked if there would be an interest in combining the BRC assistant with the Chamber assistant job that is available.
 - d. Tourism:
 - The in-person Co-Op grant application was presented and should hear back in a few weeks.
 - TTAB is interested in holding their meeting monthly ½ hour before the CEO meeting at 8am.
 - e. Chamber of Commerce:

- Chamber is looking to hire a new assistant. They are interested in combining the job with the BRC position to offer more hours. Discussions with Marnae will need to happen.
 - Lunch and Learn meetings will resume in September.
 - Dec 6th will be Christmas on Commercial.
 - 4th of July was a huge hit. Some adjustments will be made from next following feedback reviews.
- f. School District:
- School begins August 19th
 - Appointment scheduled to tour the CTE building after next month's meeting. Josh Sargent is the new Principal.
- g. Governor's Office:
- The REDI grant is open now from August 12th-August 15th
 - Carol will forward flyers for grant qualifications and guidelines
- h. Morgan City:
- West Young Street will be completed by the end of August. The entire street will be resurfaced.
 - Powerlines on State Street are being buried.
 - The plaza behind Commercial Street in progress.
- i. Morgan County:
- NICA course
 - Flashing lights and crosswalk have been installed by Lee's
 - Morgan qualifies for disaster relief. Raelene needs some help with this from board members.
 - Anderw will look into EDA

3) Becca Report

- Becca has met 10 clients already and has assisted them with their social media needs. All information has been added to Hub Spot.

4) CRM progress

- Hub Spot is up and running, information is being added.
- A CEO Board sign-in is needed and one other sign in. This would have to come out of grant funds. Further discussion next month where funds will come from.

4) Budget Discussion -Kate unfinished business from minutes

- Kate needs assistance in contacting Mike Higbee for an extension on his Grant. Andrew will talk with Mike today at his appointment.
- Kate is waiting for remaining receipts from Diamond Beef
- Budget discussion for Commissioners will begin August 15th to approve the CEO Budget.

5) Rescheduled visit with Shauna, updates.

- Shauna is scheduled to close her doors year end.
- Doug Wickliffe bought the existing building and is planning to raise her rent 3X the amount.
- Doug and Shauna need to have conversations about the future of Grounds for Coffee.
- Andrew will reach out to Doug and discuss why the cost increases and what might be done to keep Grounds.

6) WPR \$'s for Hinds update

- Monies from grant have been awarded.
- The hang up with Hind's is that it is private property and isn't a wise investment for the money because of it being private.

7) CEO Business visits: Availability for August 27th, how to proceed:

- Available: Darren, Sherry, John, Andrea, and Andrew.
- Suggested visits: Applicants that applied and didn't receive grant. Milk Barn, Jessie Drage, New golf course owners, and Corner Cove.

8) ROCG grant proposals:

- See attached document for grant ideas by CEO board members
- Sherry will send outline for applying for grant.
- Sherry mentioned to be very mindful and to present any proposal with intention and information. The funds have been reduced this year and will be very competitive. Deadline to apply is October 31st.

Next Meeting: September 3, 2025

Next Month Agenda Items:

- Discussion on TTAB meeting before CEO meeting monthly.
- ROCG Grant proposals
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