



Morgan County Economic Opportunity Board

Location: Morgan Business Resource Center/Virtual (Teams)

March Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2025 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Attendees Invited: *John Barber, Mayor Steve Gale, Ty Bailey, Andrew Willis, Darren Rogers, Carol Brooks, Stacy Clark, Traca Wardell, Sherry Stevens, Justin Rees, Mercer Owen, Kate Becker, Andrea Brooks, Ralene Blocker*

- 1) Welcome to Morgan County Economic Development Board
 - a. Approval of the March 5th, 2025 Agenda
 - Approval Mayor, seconded by Traca.
 - b. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
 - None
 - c. Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2025
 - Approval Darren, seconded by Mayor.
- 2)Economic Outlook and Current Opportunities: **(2 minutes each)**
 - a. Workforce Services:
 - Due to legislative sessions no update on unemployment this month
 - a. State Parks:
 - Bids for Lost Creek are coming soon to determine if updates will happen beginning in the Spring.
 - Hiring for Asst Manager of East Canyon and seasonal Employees. App on website. Starting wage for seasonal \$13.50 hr.
 - c. Business Resource Center:
 - Going to start working with unsuccessful grant applicants to prepare for the next round.
 - Will work with successful candidates to help with success and make updates for grant usage.
 - Talia, one of our clients, will present at the Chamber lunch and learn on March 12th. She will give great advice on retaining youth employees.
 - d. Tourism:
 - Continuing with great content on social media, switching to summer promotions.
 - Created new trails foundation including the Mountain Green trails committee and Morgan, called Valley Trails Foundation. Looking for options for trails to follow the river up to Round Valley, and Ogden up to Mtn Green.

- Jason Murray and Mark Hancock are new golf course owners.
 - Inquired about possible trail around Lost Creek and also still working on getting NICA up to look at property at East Canyon.
 - Kate shared a map for new trail from the city up to Round Valley
- e. At the Chamber of Commerce
- Lunch and Learn March 12th with Lee's catering lunch. Seaker Talia from BRC clients. Young Dodge 11:30am-1.
 - No lunch and learn June-August to host other events for summer.
 - Golf Tournament May 30th, 4-man scramble.
 - 4th of July in planning phases.
- f. School District
- CTE shop has walls up.
 - Old Morgan Middle School gym will be torn down in March. On the 17th there will be a community farewell from 5:30-7. Bricks from the building will be available for the public to request.
- g. Governor's Office:
- United Way is opening a new center for nonprofits.
 - Redi grant will not be open year-round. Open 4 times a year, the next round will be May 1st thru the 14th and then again in November.
 - Sherry will look into board training on May 7th for 1 hour. The board would like that to be in person. Sherry will let us know if that is possible.
 - Rural grant report upcoming in May.
 - Ogden Airport will host a Beta Tech air taxi presentation, Sherry will send link to register is interested.
- h. Morgan City:
- Flagpole to be set this week off exit. This pole will be 120 ft tall; flag will be 60x30.
 - 3D rendering ready of plaza behind commercial street.
 - Open House March 12th 6pm at the city office. Concepts of planning for the downtown area.
- i. Morgan County:
- Grants checks are all delivered, and pictures taken.
 - Receipts from all successful applications need to be turned in by June 30th.
 - SOS was granted an extension on their grant application from 2023. Project to be completed no later than June 30th, 2026.
 - The map was displayed of the Mountain Green town center. There will be 85 acres of commercial land.
 - Landowners will decide how their land will be developed.

3) Introduction of new Board Members

- Welcome Andrea Brooks, school board member and Ralene Blocker county commissioner. Both are voting members of the CEO Board.

4) Monthly Budget Update -Kate:

5) Monthly Business Visit Review:

6) March Visit availability for March 26th, 9-11am:

- Available for visits: Kate, Mayor, Ralene, John, Andrew, Stacy and Andrea

7) How to publicize grant recipients:

- Chamber members could receive information on the chamber site.
- County website
- During business license renewals information could be found.
- Kate and Traca will send new business license lists to Stacy and Carol.

8) Report on WPR Tour:

- Visit to the WRP was impressive.
- Second visit to be scheduled. Reach out if interested.

9) CRM update

- John and Justin will meet with the company to discuss CRM. Update next month.

Next Meeting: April 2, 2025

- Moved to April 9, 2025 due to Spring Break

Agenda Items next month

- WPR settlement parameters
- April grant advertising discussion
- Update on CRM