



Morgan County Economic Opportunity Board

Location: Morgan Business Resource Center/Virtual (Teams)

February Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2026, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

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

- 1) Welcome to Morgan County Economic Development Board
 - a. Approval of the February 4, 2026, Agenda
 - Motion by Mercer, seconded by Andrea, all in favor.
 - b. Conflict of Interest
 - None
 - c. Approval of January 7, 2026, Minutes
 - Motion by Andrea, seconded by Mercer, all in favor.

Welcome Jason Murray-introduction CEO Board Member

- 2) Economic Outlook and Current Opportunities: **(2 minutes each)**
 - a. Workforce Services:
 - December unemployment rates: Utah 3.6, US 4.4, Morgan 3.7.
 - Virtual Job Fair March 5th.
 - b. State Parks:
 - Hiring Seasonal employees
 - Saturday April 4th Springfest with vendor booths and an egg hunt. Looking for places to put up banners for advertising. Suggestions to contact business owners to display banners.
 - c. Business Resource Center:
 - Will resume WIB on March 18th.
 - Cubical and office space available in the BRC.
 - d. Tourism:
 - Executing long-term plan
 - Big Boy will come through Morgan on April 7th or 8th.
 - Historic Society in charge of the 250 organization and planning.
 - e. Chamber of Commerce:
 - February lunch and learn February 11th with the CTE program presenting.
 - Fundraising Golf Tournament June 19th.
 - f. School District:

- Last Night performance of the Footloose Play.
 - Looking at more crosswalks in Mtn. Green.
 - Andrea will look into the rules to send coloring pages through the school for SOS free drink on birthday if you bring page into store.
- g. Governor's Office:
- Redi Grant is open now until February 15th. Countywide wage guidelines have been updated and will be attached to the packet with minutes.
 - Sherry will send training to new board members.
- h. Morgan City:
- Alley way complete.
 - Stop light off freeway will be functioning next week.
- i. Morgan County:
- Commissioner watched presentation of Northern Utah Economics and Alliance. They represent Davis and Weber counties and would like to represent Morgan County. No decision has been made on this.
- j. Becca Update:
- Overall goal is advertising.
 - Animal Hospital in Mtn. Green requested Becca's funds for their website or a sign on the building. The board felt this was not an appropriate project for those funds and they should apply for the local grant for assistance after being in business for 1 year.

3) Blueprint Discussion:

- Start discussions next month. Come with project ideas and start discussions.
- It opens in May and needs to be ready to apply at that time.

4) Mtn. Green Animal Hospital wants to use \$500 towards website improvement:

- Request denied, not appropriate request for funds issued to Becca for social media videos and boosts. CEO Board will encourage them to apply for the Local Grant after 1 year in business.

5) Local Grant Update:

- 55 Applications
- Attached to packet with minutes is list of approved grants that will move forward.
- Motion to send a positive recommendation to commission that the businesses on list be offered the local grant assistance made by Justin, seconded by Andrea, all in favor.

6) Budget Update: Kate

- Absent

7) Business visits for February 25th availability:

- Available Andrew, Justin, possibly Sherry

Action Items:

Andrea gathers information into coloring page rules.

All members have ideas for the next meeting to start discussions on new project for Grant.