



Morgan County Economic Opportunity Board

Location: Morgan Business Resource Center/Virtual (Teams)

March Meeting Minutes

March 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 March 4, 2026, Agenda
 - Motion by Kate, seconded by Andrea, all in favor.
 - b. Conflict of Interest
 - None
 - c. Approval of February 4, 2026, Minutes
 - Motion by Justin, seconded by Andrew, all in favor.
- 2) Economic Outlook and Current Opportunities: **(2 minutes each)**
 - a. Workforce Services:
 - No unemployment update for this month
 - Darren will be sending the Governor's Highlight report. Carol will distribute.
 - In Morgan only 8 people receive unemployment benefits.
 - b. State Parks:
 - Sewer permits filed at Lost Creek hoping for Spring opening.
 - Official survey coming soon to draw lines on property at East Canyon.
 - c. Business Resource Center:
 - Women in Business will begin again on March 18th 11:30-1.
 - d. Tourism:
 - New Co-Op grants upcoming.
 - Big Boy coming to Morgan twice down and back. April 2, and April 20th. April 2nd is Spring break hoping for a big crowd. Becca will post about this and make a flyer to hang in businesses.
 - Justin will talk to Cindy to get banners for 250 celebrations.
 - e. Chamber of Commerce:
 - Golf Tournament June 19th at Round Valley Golf Course. Lee's will provide breakfast, taco truck for lunch. Looking for hole sponsors
 - Next big event July 4th.
 - f. School District: including answers on flyers sent out by school.
 - Graduation will be May 22nd at 7:30pm

- Explained there are no general guidelines as to what the school will distribute for businesses in emails, or Tuesday folders. Each school can decide individually what will be permitted.
 - Brecken Peterson has a special-needs opportunity. Contact Brecken for information.
- g. Governor's Office:
- Sheri and August attended meeting to help with blueprint discussion.
 - Report on County grant due May 14th.
 - 9 Applications came in for the REDI grant this period, none from Morgan.
- h. Morgan City:
- Plaza Alley Way is now lit up.
 - Storm water is underground.
 - Still need to name plaza.
 - Will rehab the Mickelson Mile.
 - Apply for 2 grants for fishpond, and train viewing station.
- i. Morgan County:
- Approved 2026 GOEO grants.
 - Morgan will join the Northern Utah Economic Alliance for free.
 - Crosswalk study is coming soon.
 - Stop Light at Trappers is coming soon.
 - Final report for Rural Grant on April's agenda.
- j. Becca Update:
- Great feedback from all businesses who have been.
 - \$12,000 left in accounts to help businesses.
 - Andrew suggested CEO visit businesses Becca has visited prior.

3) Blueprint Discussion: All Board members bring to the meeting an idea to start the discussion on this year's project to propose to the commission. Applications open in May.

Bring your ideas to the April 8th meeting!

Some project ideas mentioned for this Grant application:

- Kent Smith Park: Trail around the park
- Addition to the library which could also be used for a disaster relief site and community event center.
- Fishpond
- Train viewing station.
- NICA trails
- BRC remodel

For our meeting on April 8th **bring your blueprint packet** if you took your packet home with you. Those that I gathered I will have at the meeting.

5) Local Grant Update: Justin would like to discuss Jill Hatch's application

6) Budget Update: Kate

7) Business visits for March 25th availability:

- Available to visit Darren, sherry, Justin, Andrea, and Andrew 8-10am.

Action Items:

Come prepared to discuss the Blueprint and make a solid decision on project and assignments. Everyone should come with a project to discuss.

Final Rural Grant closeout on April agenda-Kate