

Grand County Economic Development Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2020

Location: Virtual (See Zoom and YouTube details on agenda)

Attending: Zacharia Levine, Brad Bertoch, Lianna Etchberger, John Knight, Kelly Thorton, Elaine Gizler, Laici Shumway, Lonnie Campbell, Emily Niehaus, Shik Han

Brad put forward a motion to approve the minutes. Kelly seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Update to SB95

Unfortunately, the program has been cut in size considerably. Part A program has been cut in half. Instead of \$200,000, it will now be \$95,000-\$100,000. Part B of the program has been nixed completely for this year.

Elaine will be taking over economic development activities for Grand County after Zacharia's departure in August. This is in addition to her role at the Travel Council.

Group discussed the shared spreadsheet. Most consensus around entrepreneurship and education.

Much of the group agreed that putting \$4,000 towards getting an AmericCorps VISTA to help with economic development is a good use of money.

Emily made a motion to approve a budget with the following allocations: \$4,000 for administration, \$70,000 for business retention and entrepreneurship, and \$26,000 for education. Seconded by Elaine Gizler. Motion passes. 7 yes, 2 no's and 1 abstention.

Next week we will focus allocating the above "pots" into "sub-pots."