

San Juan County Economic Development Board
Monday March 24th, 2025
Special Meeting

CED Board Members

Name	Role	Position	Term Expires	PM Training
Kaeden Kulow	Chair	Municipality Representative, Monticello City	01/31/2028	Y
Ben Muhlestein	Vice-Chair	Municipality Representative, Blanding City	01/31/2028	Y
Linda Sosa	Board Member	Municipality Representative, Bluff Town	01/31/2028	Y
Karry Deeter	Board Member	San Juan County Private Sector Representative	01/31/2028	Y
Silvia Stubbs	Board Member	Representative of San Juan County	01/31/2028	Y
Ryan Benally	Board Member	At Large	01/31/2028	
Hannah Bailey	Board Member	At Large	01/31/2028	Y
Donna Blake	Board Member	Workforce Development Representative		Y
Open	Board Member	San Juan County Private Sector Representative		
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Attendance:

Members Present: Kaeden Kulow, Hannah Bailey, Ben Muhlestein, Karry Deeter, Donna Blake

Members Absent: Linda Sosa, Ryan Benally, Silvia Stubbs

Staff Present: Talia Hansen, Mack McDonald, Nate Pitts

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Guests: Debra McKee, Amer Tumeh

- I. Kaeden calls the meeting to order.
- II. Talia explains the scoring of the Rural County Grant applications for Tier 1. Talia discusses the eligibility criteria and highlights several applications missing or reflecting incorrect information. The board members begin reviewing grant applications. Kaeden

asks grant applicant Amer Tumeh for more details on his project. Amer shares information about the project for which he has applied for grant funding. The board discusses award amounts for Tier 1 and how many applications could potentially be awarded. Kaeden suggests that the board review all of the Tier 1 applications before beginning to score them. Donna asks about the scoring criteria. Talia and Debra explain the specific criteria to be considered. The board discusses disqualifying applications based on missing or incorrect information. The board members narrow down applications to four potential recipients and share what has stood out to them. The board members begin sharing their scores for their top two applications.

- III. Ben motions to vote for the Tier 1 applications. Hannah seconded. All in favor.
- IV. The board members vote to fund the Desert Rose project. All in favor.
- V. The board discussed the upcoming meeting on April 2nd, 2025 at USU in Blanding.
- VI. Karry makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben seconded. All in favor.