



Eastern Oregon Border Region Economic Development Board

May 2, 2022

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Attendance

Members Present: Tiffany Cruickshank, Board Chair; Bill Johnson; Stuart Reitz; Ron Haidle; Andrew Maeda, Dana Young

Members Present Via Zoom: Roberto Gamboa; Melisa Drugge

Staff Present: Lisa Reeser, Board Coordinator; Shawna Peterson, Executive Director; Emily Conlon

Guests Present: Jason Gaskill; Andrea Testi, Small Business Development Center

Guests Present Via Zoom: Courtney Crowell-Warner, Office of Governor Brown

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm.

Welcome, Introductions, Minute Approval

Chair Cruickshank opened the meeting. Board members, guests and audience members made introductions.

Stuart Reitz made a motion to approve the April 2, 2022 meeting minutes. Andrew Maeda seconded the motion and all present board members voted in favor.

Public Comment

The Simcoe Sisters requested a letter of support from the board in regards to the Trinity Project, a proposed single family housing development and child care facility in Ontario, OR. Dana Young made a motion for Executive Director Peterson to draft and submit a letter of support on behalf of the board for this project. Bill Johnson seconded the motion and all present board members voted in favor.

Fiscal Report

As of April 28, 2022 the Border Fund has a total of \$3,820,948.37.

Final Grant Report

Jason Gaskill, contractor for the Small Business Development Center and Center for Business, Workforce and Community Learning, presented a final report on the HVAC Apprenticeship Program study, which the board had granted money to in May 2021. The outcome of the study showed that students are interested in pursuing this program, but also don't want to be limited to

it. Industry partners are very excited about the possibility of this program and hope to help move it forward. The board will stay closely involved with the project should it move forward.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Shawna Peterson submitted an executive summary and reported her activities since last month's meeting. The EOBB loan programs that will be managed by Craft3 are finalized and ready to launch; next steps will be to promote these programs. She's also been working on the transfer of the new \$6 million appropriation with Oregon Business Development Department and Oregon Community Foundation. Executive Director Peterson will be having a call with Speaker Rayfield in the next few weeks and asked the board to be prepared to discuss legislative priorities for the 2023 session at the June board meeting.

There will be a survey circulated to Border Region stakeholders on issues affecting the region; a draft survey and a list of prospective contacts were presented to the board for further discussion. Executive Director Peterson reported that \$250,000 was appropriated in the county budget for the county planning department to further work towards more housing.

The board coordinator duties will officially transfer on May 15th from Lisa Reeser to Emily Conlon.

Outreach to Agency Directors

Executive Director Peterson handed out a list of Oregon Agency Directors and will be reaching out to each of them over the next several months. If a board member has a personal contact, please let her know. Melisa Drugge and Courtney Crowell-Warner will also be helpful resources.

Incentive Program Application Approvals

There were no new applications during the month.

Round 5 Grant Application Discussion and Awards

The See attached Exhibit A for a complete list of fund and non-fund award decisions.

The board members began this discussion with sharing their overall impression of this round of applications and scoring rationale.

The board discussed each of the 6 qualifying Scott Fairley Memorial Grant applications. Bill Johnson made a motion to award \$25,000 to the Country View Golf Course, \$25,000 to the Drexel Foundation and \$10,000 to Scientific Ecological Systems. There was no second and Bill Johnson withdrew his motion. Dana Young made a motion to award a \$25,000 grant to Country View Golf Course, Stuart Reitz seconded the motion and all board members voted in favor. Ron Haidle made a motion to award \$25,000 to the Drexel H Foundation, Stuart Reitz seconded the motion and all board members voted in favor. Stuart Reitz then made a motion to award \$25,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of the Treasure Valley and after discussion by the board, amended the motion to specify the award needs to be used for non-payroll items. Ron Haidle seconded the motion and all board members voted in favor.

Before any discussion or vote took place for the Education and Workforce Planning Grant, Dana Young and Tiffany Cruickshank each declared a conflict of interest and excused themselves from the room. They were called back in once the discussion and vote were complete.

After discussion of the submitted Education and Workforce Planning Grant applications, Bill Johnson made a motion to approve the Vale School District application for \$30,000, the TVCC Foundation application for \$75,000 and the Malheur ESD – Frontier STEM Hub application for \$76,337. Andrew Maeda seconded the motion and all board members voted in favor.

Next Meeting/Agenda Build

The next Border Board meeting will be held on June 6, 2022 from 3pm-5pm, in the Hanigan Board Room at Treasure Valley Community College. The agenda items will include a fiscal report from Oregon Community Foundation, an executive director update, and brainstorming session for new legislative ideas for the 2023 session.

Meeting closed at 5:20 pm.

Approved by:  _____
Tiffany Cruickshank, Board Chair
Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board

Date

EXHIBIT A

Scott Fairley Memorial Edge Grant Program - Funded

Name/Project Name: Country View Golf Course
Cost of total project in application: \$100,500.00
Short project description: Country View Golf Course maintenance
Amount of funding requested: \$25,000.00
Funding from the Board amount: \$25,000.00
Conditions of award: No conditions
Passed/Denied with vote: Passed – 7 aye, 0 nay

Name/Project Name: Boys and Girls Club of the Treasure Valley Summer Program
Cost of total project in application: \$158,000.00
Short project description: Funding for the summer program
Amount of funding requested: \$25,000.00
Funding from the Board amount: \$25,000.00
Conditions of award: Must not be used for payroll/salaries
Passed/Denied with vote: Passed – 7 aye, 0 nay

Name/Project Name: Drexel H Foundation
Cost of total project in application: \$63,329.00
Short project description: Updates to the Grand Opera House, charging stations
Amount of funding requested: \$25,000.00
Funding from the Board amount: \$25,000.00
Conditions of award: none
Passed/Denied with vote: Passed – 7 aye, 0 nay

Scott Fairley Memorial Edge Grant – Not Funded

Name/Project Name: Windy Sage Farms – Operation Co-Op
Cost of total project in application: \$55,000.00
Short project description: Food independence classes, co-op opportunities
Amount of funding requested: \$25,000.00
Funding from the Board amount: \$0

Name/Project Name: Scientific Ecological Services – First Producer of Sterubin
Cost of total project in application: \$40,000.00
Short project description: Research and growing of plants that produce sterubin
Amount of funding requested: \$25,000.00
Funding from the Board amount: \$0

Name/Project Name: Brogan Community Society – Commercial Kitchen
Cost of total project in application: \$60,900.00
Short project description: A commercial kitchen in Brogan, Oregon
Amount of funding requested: \$25,000.00
Funding from the Board amount: \$0

Education and Workforce Training Grant – Funded

Name/Project Name: Frontier STEM Hub-Malheur ESD/Nickie Shira
Cost of total project in application: \$200,213.00
Short project description: Mobile mech lab – advancing industry automation skills
Amount of funding requested: \$76,337
Funding from the Board amount: \$76,337
Conditions of award: No conditions
Passed/Denied with vote: Passed – 5 aye, 0 nay

Name/Project Name: Treasure Valley Community College Foundation
Cost of total project in application: \$161,432.00
Short project description: Agricultural Machine Technology Program
Amount of funding requested: \$75,000.00
Funding from the Board amount: \$75,000.00
Conditions of award: No conditions
Passed/Denied with vote: Passed – 5 aye, 0 nay

Name/Project Name: Vale School District
Cost of total project in application: \$161,432.00
Short project description: VHS Certification Curriculum and Equipment Update
Amount of funding requested: \$60,000.00
Funding from the Board amount: \$30,000.00
Conditions of award: No conditions
Passed/Denied with vote: Passed – 5 aye, 0 nay

Education and Workforce Training Grant – Not Funded

Name/Project Name: Giggles and Grace Learning Center
Cost of total project in application: \$1,111,766.00
Short project description: Trinity Project early learning childcare center
Amount of funding requested: \$100,000.00
Funding from the Board amount: \$0
Conditions of award: No conditions