

**San Juan County Economic Development Board**  
**Tuesday June 18th, 2024**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**CED Board Members**

Name	Role	Position	Term Expires	PM Training
Ben Muhlestein	Board Member	Municipality Representative, Blanding City	01/31/2024	Y
	Chair	Workforce Development Representative	01/31/2024	Y
Kaeden Kulow	Vice-Chair	Municipality Representative, Monticello City	01/31/2024	Y
Linda Sosa	Board Member	Municipality Representative, Bluff Town	01/31/2025	Y
Karry Deeter	Board Member	San Juan County Private Sector Representative	01/31/2025	
Silvia Stubbs	Board Member	Representative of San Juan County	01/31/2024	Y
Ryan Benally	Board Member	At Large	01/31/2025	Y
Hannah Bailey	Board Member	At Large	01/31/2025	Y
Karen Whipple	Board Member	San Juan County Private Sector Representative	01/31/2024	Y
Open	Board Member	San Juan County Private Sector Representative		

**Attendance:**

**Members Present:** Hannah Bailey, Silvia Stubbs, Karry Deeter, Kaeden Kulow, Ben Muhlestein, Linda Sosa

**Members Absent:** Karen Whipple, Ryan Benally

**Staff Present:** Elaine Gizler, Nate Pitts

**Staff Absent:** None

**Guests:** None

- I. Kaeden calls the meeting to order.
- II. Ben motions to adopt the agenda. Karry seconded.
- III. Linda motions to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2024 Meeting. Karry

seconded.

- IV. Kaeden talks about nominating a new Chair for the board.
  - A. Ben motions to nominate Kaeden for the Chair. Hannah seconded. All in favor. Kaeden Kulow is appointed Chairperson of the board.
  - B. Elaine shares information about the letter allocating grant funding for 2024 and asks Kaeden to sign it. Ben motions to approve and sign the letter for the 2024 Rural Grant. Linda seconded.
  - C. Silvia, Kaeden, Ben, and Karen are approved by the County Commission for new terms on the board.
  - D. Elaine discusses 2025 Rural Grant funding to be divided amongst the cities to improve main street businesses and asks the board members to consider.
  - E. Ben talks about a proposed pipeline from Energy Fuels to Blanding and shares the benefits. Asks about possible grant funding towards the project.
  - F. Kaeden talks about meeting dates for 2024. August 23rd, September 17th, and December 10th.
  - G. Elaine shares updates on the near completion of the housing assessment. Elaine talks about the progress of Mick Thornton and his role in the housing assessment.
  - H. Elaine discusses improving economic development in SJC. Ben talks about business expansion and retention. Karry reflects on business start up help at the resource center she recently launched. Silvia shares insights on local business.
- V. Ben shares updates on projects in Blanding and talks about business success. Silvia talks about a possible housing development in Blanding for UNHS. Kaeden fills in for Linda and shares updates on Bluff, including a remodel of the old elementary school. Kaeden talks about updates in Monticello.
- VI. Kaeden presents the Chair report and talks about Rural Grant feedback he has received.
- VII. Elaine shares the Director's report and talks about the four new welcome signs. Elaine talks about the RV Stalls completion and shares updates on local businesses.
- VIII. Nate provides updates on business licensing and a zoning update that will allow for more business opportunities.
- IX. Kaeden asks for recommendations for guest speakers. Ben shares that Bayley Hedglin has been working with SERDA and may be willing to present. Kaeden talks about inviting a few Rural Grant recipients to come talk about their progress.
- X. Karry motions to adjourn the meeting. Hannah seconded.