



Regular Meeting

1: 00pm-2:30pm Wednesday, September 19, 2022 | Online

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MINUTES

Attendees: Josh Metz, Richard Vaughn, Jessica Gilden, Brian Coleman, Isela Sandoval, Jen Simon, Danna Stroud, Andy Myrick, Dan Ripke and Alexander Powers

1. **Call to Order** – 1:00 pm
2. **Acknowledgements, Announcements, and Correspondence – Round Table**

Josh Metz introduces Alex Powers, the new Workforce and Economic Development Manager for MBEP. Powers updates he is working on distributing invites to the State of the Region. Metz spoke with an individual from San Benito County to possibly join CCMT. Congressman Panetta formed an advanced air mobility caucus to raise awareness and interest on this topic. Metz states the CALED Finance and Real Estate Summit is happening October 12 in Riverside. Brian Coleman updates the California Forward Economic Summit will be held in Bakersfield in October.

- a. **Go-Biz** – Brian Coleman updates CERF recipient announcements will be held off until all recipients have been identified. Selection criteria from the Up Lift Coalition was distributed to those interested in the NSF Regional Innovation Program. Concepts submitted will be reviewed next week with letters of collaboration distributed by next Tuesday. Governor Newsom announced the establishment of a Space Industry Task Force led by multiple agencies, including Go-Biz. Purpose of task force is to expand space industry in California. California received a \$600,000.00 grant from the Small Business Administration to continue the State Trade Expansion Program (STEP).
 - b. **Monterey County** – Richard Vaughn updates first round of applications for the Economic Development Committee were received and interviews have been held; Appointments should be made soon. Next Economic Development Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 29 at 9:15 am. Community Climate Action and Adaptation Plan has been distributed for public review and comments. Information workshop scheduled for September 29 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Marina Library.
3. **Approval of Draft Minutes** (August 17, 2022)
Motion made by Richard Vaughn and seconded by Andy Myrick to approve minutes on August 17, 2022; All ayes.
 4. **Treasurers Report**
 - a. \$31,537.00 (as of 09/19/22)

- b. FY 22/23 invoices

5. Business Items –

- a. CERF Status and Planning –
See item 2.a for discussion notes.

- b. NSF Regional Innovation Engine Phase 1 Application Status –
Richard Vaughn and Dan Ripke both confirm their entities will be submitting applications. Brian Coleman states the program is not accepting letters of support but are looking for letters of collaboration. Go Biz letters of collaboration will include technical assistance and identifying resources and funding. Submission deadline is September 21.

- c. DART-Joby-CSUMB Irvine Grant Update –
Board meeting produced a great turnout and had six presenters. Group has been advancing the Joby apprenticeship program by gaining support from outside entities. The program has received over 100 applications. Discussions on the feasibility of a specialized workforce training facility are underway to assist in identifying potential areas of interest.

- d. Marketing Update
 - i. Newsletter –
Released yesterday; 612 distributed with 198 already opened. Newsletter featured Alexander Powers as well as the City of Seaside. Metz states newsletter will continue to feature economic developers, communities, and economic development opportunities. Jen Simon asks the group to send her upcoming opportunities, programs, or other information each agency would like highlighted in the letter.

- e. Other Items
None

6. Adjournment – 2:01 pm