

**REGIONAL COUNCIL 9**  
**MAY 29, 2020**  
**11:00 AM to NOON**

Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency this meeting was held via Zoom link and conference line. The details were posted with the Agenda and is included herein.

**MINUTES**

**Attending Strike Force Council Members:** Jim Cheng, Cav Angels (Chair, Region 9); Ed Scott, EcoSeptix Alliance (Vice Chair, Region 9); Ed Dalrymple, Cedar Mountain Stone; Pace Lochte, University of Virginia Economic Development; Ray Knott, Union Bank & Trust; Tom Click, Patriot Aluminum

**Absent Council Members:** None

**Other Council Members:** Miles Friedman

**Staff:** Shannon Holland, Helen Cauthen

**Guests:** none

**1. Welcome**

Jim Cheng opened the meeting at 11:00 am. Jim Cheng stated that the meeting was being held electronically via Zoom video and call-in due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor.

**2. Roll Call**

Jim Cheng asked Shannon Holland to complete a roll call of members. All members were present.

**3. Public Comment\***

Jim Cheng stated the meeting had been publicly noticed and a public comment form was made available. All public comments were to be emailed by 7 am today. Shannon Holland stated that no public comments had been received although memos had been and they were included in the meeting packet.

**4. Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting**

**Jim Cheng**

*Ray Knott made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes as presented. Ed Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

**5. Review Project Pipeline and Available Funds**

Jim Cheng asked Shannon Holland to review the funding update and project pipeline included in the meeting packet. Shannon Holland noted that an inquiry for a FAST ACCESS proposal had come in from CBIC and that group would wait until after this meeting to decide about moving forward. Shannon Holland stated that there was just over \$150,000 of FY 20 ECB funding available and \$220,000 in ERR FAST ACCESS funding remaining. The Crafting a New Normal proposal should actually be noted as a request for \$80,000 instead of \$100,000 as noted in the provided pipeline document. Shannon Holland also added that there was still \$700,000 available in ERR non-FAST ACCESS funds available.

**6. Approve Proposal Revisions, if any**

Jim Cheng stated that DHCD approved Project Rebound subject to reallocation of match so that localities are primary and KPMG is secondary as well as recasting the budget so that \$10,000 of the approved \$80,000 is used for implementation activities as outlined in the packet memo. He added that Shannon Holland was requesting approval from the Strike Force for these changes.

Ray Knott asked if DHCD would accept the changes presented and Shannon Holland responded that she

had been advised they would.

***Ed Scott made a motion to approve the changes to the project as presented. Ed Dalrymple seconded the motion. The motion carried. Pace Lochte abstained.***

**7. Approve ERR and ECB Application**

Jim Cheng suggested that the members discuss project updates from the prior meeting and then review the newest project and to hold the vote until the end of all discussion. No objections were raised.

Jim Cheng asked if there were questions on the memos submitted from the Crafting a New Normal project and Business Gateway project and robust discussion ensued.

It was then agreed to move onto the Project Reconnect proposal discussion. Some questions arose around the gap in federal WIOA funding. A slide was presented and it was clarified that the federal WIOA funding will generally pay for training, however, many unemployed don't want training or they are seeking training that is not federally approved.

***Pace Lochte made a motion to approve Project Reconnect as presented. Tom Click seconded the motion. The motion carried.***

Additional conversation ensued around the Crafting a New Normal proposal and the Business Gateway. Several suggestions were made for revised proposals that might be considered. Concern was stated that the part of the Crafting proposal might be duplicative of one brewing industry website already published and that the budget wasn't in line with expectations in regard to legal fees. Comments were also made that the Business Gateway proposal should focus more on e-commerce delivery at a reduced budget amount. Shannon Holland confirmed with the Strike Force that, based on the dialogue she heard, she was to ask these two applicants to revise their proposals to around \$40,000 and that the format of a one page memo with updated budget information would be acceptable.

**8. Other Business - Limited to Emergency Items Only**

No other business was presented.

**9. Adjourn**

**Jim Cheng**

***Jim Cheng made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:19. Ed Scott seconded the motion. The motion carried.***

**Shannon Holland is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**Topic: Reg. 9 Strike Force - COVID**

**Time: May 8, 2020 11:00 AM**

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