

CEDS COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 29, 2020

M I N U T E S

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bobby Davis called the meeting to order at 2:04.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Bobby Davis, Evelyn Casuga, Bryan Seppala, Jennifer Evans, Rick Miller, Marissa Garnett, James Menlove, Fernando Garcia, Trever Fleetham, Elan Vallender, Linda Oddonetto

Staff Present: Brad Mecham, Travis Ashbaugh, Andrea Robles

Guests:

A quorum was established.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, October 16th, 2019

Ms. Casuga made a motion to approve the October 16th, 2019 CEDS Committee minutes as presented. Mr. Seppala seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. CEDS Annual Update

Mr. Mecham presented the Annual update of the CEDS. He highlighted a new section on CAG Region Opportunity Zones, of which there are 11. Mr. Mecham also addressed the new projects included in the project listing for this year.

Mr. Miller, commenting on the Pinal County Population Data, would like to see a further breakdown of population densities. Many communities are not showing up on the map and it would be good to redefine the categories to reflect actual population centers for the region.

Ms. Casuga would like to see progress meters from the Center for the Future of Arizona incorporated into the performance measures. NACOG included that into their performance measures. Ms. Casuga would like to see that in next year's 5-Year Update.

Ms. Evans made a motion to approve this year's Annual Update of the CEDS for the CAG Region. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Election of CEDS Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Davis opened elections for Chair of the CEDS Committee.

Ms. Casuga nominated Bryan Seppala as Chair of the CEDS Committee. Mr. Davis closed elections. Ms. Casuga made a motion to elect Bryan Seppala as Chair. Ms. Oddonetto seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Davis opened elections for Vice-Chair of the CEDS Committee.

Ms. Casuga nominated Jennifer Evans to serve as Vice-Chair of the CEDS Committee. Mr. Davis closed elections. Ms. Casuga made a motion to elect Jennifer Evans as Vice-Chair. Ms. Garnett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. CEDS Committee Roundtable

Ms. Oddonetto, City of Globe, is working with small businesses to apply for the Paycheck Protection Program. 45 applications have been processed to date. The City of Globe is working with northeastern Arizona companies on a COVID-19 taskforce to serve small businesses.

Mr. Fleetham, Town of Payson, reported that he is now working in the Town Manager's office. The town has released a One Payson campaign for small business support and has gained momentum in the community.

No other updates were provided.

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will be scheduled for a date to be determined in the coming months.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bobby Davis adjourned the meeting at 2:25 PM.