

NATURAL RESOURCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (NRED) BOARD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022 4:30 PM

Carbondale Civic Center, Room 103

Call to Order (4:30 PM)

Members Present: Beckman, Carrier, Legan, Maxwell and Mulholland

Members Absent: Chapman and Rodewald

The County Administrator led the meeting. She informed the group that Mr. Chapman had resigned from the NRED Board.

Approval of Minutes

- I. [22-6910](#) Approval of December 8, 2021 Minutes
A motion was made by Carrier, seconded by Legan, to approve the December 6, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.
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Communications

- II. [22-6911](#) Chair Resignation
Ms. Maxwell informed the group that she would be stepping down as chair due to a lack of time needed to focus on the forward thinking work that would be required for the NRED Board.
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Old Business

The group began a discussion by asking the County Administrator questions regarding quorums and communicating with each other outside of the scheduled meetings. Legan questioned the idea of sub-committees. Carrier questioned what tools were available to the NRED Board from the County. He also commented that the NRED Board needed a better understanding of what the path for this Board should be. He suggested getting input from the County Board. Beckman commented that this would be his last meeting. He also commented about what tools from the County were available to the NRED Board and also commented that he felt as if the NRED Board was moving backward instead of forward. The group continued the discussion and brainstormed ideas of the direction the NRED Board should be taking.

Carrier proposed the following: find out who the new County Board Chair will be, elect a new chair for the NRED Board, have the NRED Chair reach out to the County Board Chair to discuss the purpose of NRED and how the County would like NRED to move forward. Finally, he suggested the NRED Chair could come back to the group and report. The Board agreed, noting this would give them a path of clarity.

The discussion continued. Mulholland asked Carrier if he wanted to be the NRED Chair and he declined. Maxwell nominated Legan. He commented that he would agree to do it for 3 months. The County Administrator commented that the nomination would be on next month's agenda for the Board to vote. Maxwell asked if the County would not make any appointments to the NRED board until they had a better idea of the direction they were going.

The group continued discussion of items they would like to progress with such as finding and applying for grants and creating a GIS map to help with promotion of natural resources. This was the final discussion of the meeting.

- III. [22-6912](#) NRED Focus Document Discussion
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New Business

- IV. [22-6913](#) EDA's American Rescue Plan Travel, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Program
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Adjourn (5:58 PM)

Carrier moved and Legan seconded to adjourn, motion carried.