

Natural Resources Economic Development Board Meeting
Monday, April 28, 2025 5:30 PM
Carbondale Main Street, 121 S. Illinois Ave. Carbondale, IL 62901

Call to Order

(5:30pm)

Present: Legan, Maxwell, McMorrow-Hunter, Carrier

Absent: Brown, Mulholland, Apgar

Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

I. 2025-485 Approval of March 24, 2025, Minutes

A motion was made by Maxwell, seconded by McMorrow-Hunter, to approve the March 24, 2025, Minutes as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Communication

II. 2025-486 May NRED Meeting Date Reminder

Legan reminded the group that the May meeting would be a week earlier due to the Memorial Day holiday, and would be held on Monday, May 19th.

Reports

Old Business

III. 2025-487 Recreational Bus Route

Legan had a short discussion with the board regarding the recreational bus route. He commented that the original planned route was changing slightly and that there would be more information available after a meeting this coming Wednesday.

New Business

IV. 2025-488 Biochar Local Opportunities

McMorrow-Hunter introduced Biochar as a potential economic development strategy, highlighting its benefits as a soil additive and its potential uses in various industries. She commented that the market for biochar is still developing, but local resources like forestry waste could make Carbondale a hub for biochar production. She asked Legan to be put back on the

agenda when she was able to get a presentation put together.

V. 2025-489 Approval of Miscellaneous Expenses

No expenses to approve this month.

Good and Welfare

Adjourn

(5:46pm)

A motion was made by Carrier, seconded by Maxwell, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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