

Economic Development Commission Special Meeting

Monday, March 21st, 2022, at 6:30

In Person and Via Zoom

Minutes

1. **Call to Order**: Sam Cherenzia called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
2. **Roll Call**: Will Mason, Jennifer Anderson, Stefan Grufstedt, Mariah Pfiffner, Emily Lewis, Sam Cherenzia, and Chris Anderson
3. **Staff Present**: Nate Reichert and Christine Dias
4. **Public Comment**: Brett Mastroianni expressed concern that there were restrictions that would make it hard for businesses to apply. He presented applications from New Milford and Bethel that were like what the commission is trying to accomplish.
5. **Business operational/Infrastructure grant program**: Clarity was given that businesses can do reimbursements and/or purchases after receiving money. There will be no direct payment to vendors. Question about how businesses will show loss and or need of expenditures. Number of employees will be changed to maximum of 50. Discussion about how to handle tax delinquency. Applications and final summaries will have to be notarized. Commission will hold special meetings to review applications. Christine and Nate will update the document from the feedback with the goal to be that it can be voted on at the April meeting. An email and a phone number for support/questions will be provided in the packet.
6. **Adjournment**: Will Mason made the motion to adjourn at 7:41, Emily Lewis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,    Emily Lewis       EDC Secretary