

**RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

Arizona Commerce Authority
333 North Central Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Wednesday, August 10 2016
Pinetop, AZ
El Rancho Restaurant
11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Keith Watkins, Acting Chairman, called the August 10, 2016 meeting of the Rural Business Development Advisory Council to order at 11:37 a.m. Deborah Klatt, ACA, was called upon to take roll. A quorum was present. The meeting was noticed and properly posted.

Committee Members Present In-Person

Keith Watkins
D.L Wilson
David Bentler
Larry Lucero
Robert Corbel
Les Orchekowski

Committee Members Present Via Teleconference

None

Committee Members Not Present

Jaime Chamberlain
Julie Engle
Angie Harmon
Ron Gould
Joy Stavely
Levi Esquerra

ACA Staff Members

Deborah Klatt

II. Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2016*

David Bentler moved to approve the minutes; Larry Lucero seconded the motion; all in favor, the motion was approved.

- III. Jill Howard-Allen, ACA** presented on what Small Business Innovation and Research (SBIR) grants are, their purpose and the benefits.
- IV. Jeremy Babendure, Arizona Sci-Tech Festival** gave a presentation about what Sci-Tech festivals have occurred recently and their connection with STEM education.
- V. ACA Update – Keith Watkins, Arizona Commerce Authority**
Keith Watkins provided an update on what the most recent initiatives at ACA have been, recent successes and what challenges remain, especially with respect to the rural areas.
- VI. Call to Council Members for Future Agenda Items**
None
- VI. Call to Public**
No comments were made
- VII. Adjournment**
Robert Corbel moved to adjourn; D.L Wilson second, meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.