



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

Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce  
201 North Central Ave  
Phoenix, AZ 85004

Wednesday, May 13, 2015  
11:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Keith Watkins, Acting Chairman, called the May 13, 2015 meeting of the Rural Business Development Advisory Council to order at 11:05 am. Carmella Aja, ACA, was called upon to take roll. A quorum was present. The meeting was noticed and properly posted.

**Committee Members Present In-Person**

David Bentler  
Robert Corbell  
Jim Dinkle  
Ben File  
Ron Gould – Joined at 11:20  
Ellen Kretsch  
Nolan Larson  
LeRoy Shingoitewa  
Joy Staveley  
Keith Watkins  
D.L Wilson

**Committee Members Present Via Teleconference**

Jaime Chamberlain  
Julie Engel

**Committee Members Not Present**

Angela Harmon  
Kip Kempton  
Larry Lucero  
Les Orchekowsky  
Stephen Rutherford

### **ACA Staff Members**

Carmella Aja  
Rosalyn Boxer  
Kevin O'Shea

#### **II. Re-Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2014\***

David Bentler moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2014 Rural Business Development Advisory Council Public Meeting; Ben File seconded. The motion was approved.

#### **III. Approval of Minutes of February 11, 2015\***

Nolan Larson moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2015 Rural Business Development Advisory Council Public Meeting; Ellen Kretsch seconded. The motion was approved.

#### **IV. ACA Rural Website—Keith Watkins & Carmella Aja**

Carmella Aja, updated the council on the new Rural build out of the ACA website. There was discussion about changes that members wanted made before the site went live, those changes included updated information about Yuma County and comments were made about including images from industries in rural Arizona.

#### **V. Presentations**

##### **a. Water — Christa McJunkin**

Christa McJunkin, Salt River Project, gave the council a background on water in Arizona. She discussed major milestones in Arizona's water history including, the creation of SRP, the Colorado Water Compact, the Adequate Water Supply Program, the 1980 Groundwater Management Act, Central Arizona Project and the Indian Water Rights Settlements. Christa also spoke about the importance of partnerships for water conservation in addition to updating the group on California's water crises and use reduction measures they are taking.

##### **b. ACA International Update — Kevin O'Shea**

Kevin O'Shea, ACA, gave the council a brief presentation on all that is happening at the ACA in terms of international trade and exporting. He spoke about the partnerships that the ACA has with Tucson, Phoenix and many others to fund the state Mexico City office. He also spoke about the ACA's ExporTech program and provided information on previous programs that were underway and stated that he wanted to work with the Council members to host an ExporTech program in rural regions of Arizona.

##### **c. Workforce Investment Opportunity Act Update — Roz Boxer**

Roz Boxer, ACA, gave the council a brief presentation on the new WIOA standards and how each county will have to implement them in their

county workforce departments. She also discussed the importance of Sector Partnerships in each community and how those will help drive employment and opportunity in the community.

**VI. ACA Update Discussion—Keith Watkins**

Keith Watkins, updated the council on our newly appointed member, Joy Staveley who replaced former Coconino County representative and previous RBDAC Chair, Julie Pastrick. Additionally, he updated the Council on the ACA's activities in rural Arizona and provided a brief explanation about reappointments to the RBDAC.

Newly appointed council member, Joy Staveley, was also given the opportunity to introduce herself.

**VII. Roundtable**

Committee members gave updates on each of their communities.

**VIII. Call to Council Members for Future Agenda Items**

No proposed items

**IX. Call to Public**

No public comments were made.

**X. Adjournment**

Jim Dinkle moved to adjourn; David Bentler seconded.  
The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.