

**MINUTES OF THE
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & LABOR
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Room 210, Senate Building**

February 21, 2013

Members Present: Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa, Senate Chairman
Rep. Jim Bird, House Chairman
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Vice Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Stuart C. Reid
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. James A. Dunnigan
Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Dixon M. Pitcher
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. V. Lowry Snow
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox
Rep. Brad R. Wilson

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist
Mr. Zackery King, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Rosemary Young, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and copy of handouts will be filed with committee minutes.

Sen. Shiozawa called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Bird moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Harper, Rep. Dunnigan, Rep. Wilcox, and Rep. Wilson absent for the vote.

Request for Appropriation

Rep. Wilcox and Jeff Woodbury presented the request for \$2.8 million for Falcon Hill and the **Military Installation Development Authority (MIDA)** for purposes of making Hill Air Force Base the most modern in the Air Force, thereby insuring HAFB continues to exist and be the largest employer in Utah.

Sen. Davis introduced Allen Stutz and Mele Tua'one, Operations Director at Malolo Gardens, who distributed a handout and requested \$10,000 one time to match seed money which has been awarded by Food Co-op Initiative to create the **Wasatch Cooperative Market** which will sell local, high quality products at fair prices.

Representing the Four Corners School of Outdoor Education, Sen. Davis introduced Doug Allen, Mayor of Monticello; Janet Ross, Executive Director of the school; and Bill Boyle, publisher of the San Juan Record, who are requesting \$1 million for the creation of the **Canyon Country Discovery Center**. A handout was distributed.

With a handout, Rep. Westwood and Casey McClellan, Executive Director, presented a request for \$50,000 one time for the **Utah Summer Games** which is an amateur sports festival held in Cedar City, Utah in June. Sen. Vickers expressed his support.

The committee discussed the process by which they will work on prioritization of the requests for funding, one time and ongoing.

Sen. Davis requested the committee's permission to distribute to them a letter from Sen. Mayne asking for an appropriation of \$5,000 for the **Kearns Veterans Memorial**.

Sarah West, Director of Utah Community Development for the Sundance Institute, reported that the economic impact of the 2012 **Sundance Film Festival** was \$80 million. The Institute is requesting an appropriation of \$1 million one time.

Sen. Reid introduced Gene Barton, **Hexcel Corporation** Plant Site Manager, who reported that Hexcel is the world's leader in advanced composite materials. With a slide presentation he requested \$2.5 million for purposes of defraying the expenses of developing a new electrical substation of which Hexcel would pay 100% of the cost but only use about 6.5% of the power, possibly rising to 14%.

Utah Museum of Natural History Executive Director, Sarah George, distributed a handout and requested \$600,000 on going to enable the museum to improve exhibits, infrastructure, security, on-site programming, and visitor services.

Rep. Bird explained that **SB 131** Assault Amendments, sponsored by Sen. Osmond is an on-going request for \$64,000 for more court costs and possibly incarceration.

Jeff Robbins, CEO of the **Utah Sports Commission**, with Steve Miller, CEO of Miller Sports Properties, distributed a handout, showed a videotaped ad, and requested support for the governor's recommendation of \$1 million on going and \$400,000 one time.

On behalf of Ceramatek, a company which does research in the energy sector for renewable energy sources and chemical processing, among other things, Rep. Dunnigan made a request for \$500,000 one time to allow the company to continue to develop a process for developing Utah's oil shale which uses much lower capital operational costs and a lower carbon dioxide footprint than is traditionally used.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Stevenson, Rep. Snow, and Rep. Wilcox absent for the vote.

Sen. Shiozawa adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa, Chair

Rep. Jim Bird, Chair