



Eastern Oregon Border Region Economic Development Board

October 11, 2023

Ontario, OR

Attendance

Members Present: Andrew Maeda, Bill Johnson, Nickie Shira, Taylor Rembowski, Ron Haidle, and Dana Young voting by proxy granted to Ron Haidle

Staff Present: Shawna Peterson, Executive Director; Emily Conlon, Board Coordinator

Meeting was called to order at 11:00am.

Welcome, Introductions, & Public Comments

Ron Haidle acted as Chair in Board Chair Dana Young's absence. Ron Haidle opened the meeting and board members made introductions.

Discussion: Fry Foods, Inc. Award

Discussion regarding the Fry Foods award included the following points:

- Availability of funding to fund future Strategic Fund applicants
- Reporting requirements, including community engagement
- The project's approach to improving the Border Region's competitiveness with Idaho

Nickie Shira moved that a revised award comprised of a \$750,000 recoverable grant and \$250,000 loan at 0% interest for 5 years be made to Fry Foods, with the grant recoverable if the following requirements are not met within 1 year of the award: completion of the improvements described in Fry Foods' application and documented creation of over 50 new full-time jobs in the Border Region. Reporting under the award should also reflect increased local presence and participation from Fry Foods, such as hosting interns, involvement in local organizations, data reflecting the workforce resides in the Border Region, and support of local civic and charitable efforts. Andrew Maeda seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5 aye, 1 nay vote.

Discussion: Round 8 Applications

Board staff offered support while board members review applications.

Adjourn / Next Meeting

The next board meeting is November 6th, 2023. Meeting closed at 11:40am.

Approved by: *Dana M. Young*
Dana Young, Board Chair

Date

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