

2020 Board of Directors Retreat

***Agenda***

***Thursday September 17 and***

***Friday September 18***

***Windermere Hotel in Sierra Vista and on Zoom***

 2047 South Highway 92

Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635

8:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting Ron Curtis

 *Board President*

9:00 a.m. Jobs/Employment – Meaningful insight

 Maryann Lawrence

 *Owner – Power Notes*

10:30 a.m. Economic Conditions – Panel Discussion

 Amanda Baillie, S*pecial Consultant*

 Various Speakers

 Keith Watkins – *Arizona Commerce Authority*

James Kerr – *Arizona Commerce Authority*

Dan Coxworth – *Development Services Director – Cochise County*

Dustin Welker – *Graham County Manger*

Akos Kovach – *Greenlee Economic Development Coordinator*

 Tony Boone, *Economic Development Manager - Sierra Vista, Arizona*

Subjects will include:

1. Getting Broadband to rural areas (support today’s educational needs, and adequate network for existing rural businesses, attract new businesses)
2. Urban vs. Rural – how is our rural infrastructure or services, utilities, communications, educational, medical professionals, housing and adequately training workforce.
3. How has COVID impacted your economies
4. Insight or best practices for successful outcomes for rural areas

***Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.***

12:45 Panel on Educational Perspective – Panel Discussion

Various speakers

Jacqui Clay – *Cochise* *Superintendent of Education*

J.D. Rottweiler - *Cochise College*

Dr.Susan Wood & Dr. Janice Lawhorn – *Eastern Arizona College*

Dr. Linda Denno – *University of Arizona*

Kimberly Merritt – *Arizona State University*

 Subjects will include:

1. What is the K-12 education providers doing to prepare students for work and/or future education?
2. How are the colleges/universities meeting the challenge of upskilling our workforce?
3. How are you working with the Private Sector to make sure you are providing the educational needs for the skills businesses require, based on the changing skill levels needed?
4. How are you keeping up with the technology needed for education and business?

4:00 p.m. New Board Member Orientation Vada Phelps

 *Executive Director*

***Dinner on Your Own*** *(Arizona@Work will cover per diem for those out of Town)*

Friday September 18, 2020 – Day 2

***Continental Breakfast 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.***

8:00 a.m. Introduction Vada Phelps

 *Executive Director*

8:15 a.m. What can this Board do collaboratively

to improve the various areas of need MaryAnn Lawrence

11:00 a.m. Wrap up Ron Curtis

 *Board President*

***Lunch 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.***

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