

RURAL COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: APRIL 24, 2024

TIME: 9:03 AM MST

Attendees

- Leila Melendez
- Esther Becerra
- Myriam Guerrero
- Denisse Wiley
- Odette Flores-Ruiz
- Rogelio Luna
- Karina Castillo
- Adriana Chacon
- Kandolite Carson
- Marisela Correa
- Alma Aranda
- Dun Dunlap
- Frank Spencer III
- Hunter LeBlanc
- Randall Kinzie
- Peggy O'Brian

Action Items

- No action items for this meeting.
- Presented updates listed in the agenda by Denisse Wiley, Odette Flores-Ruiz, Marisela Correa, and Rogelio Luna

Next Steps

- Continue following elections in Presidio (ending May 28th) and connect with elected officials afterward for partnership and communication.
- Further research HVAC apprenticeship program in Alpine.
 - Denisse Wiley will contact 7M Fabrication Heating and Air Conditioning L.L.C. to initiate communication.
- Denisse Wiley will present employment results from the Texas Parks & Wildlife connection for the next committee meeting.

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Agenda

CALL TO ORDER AND NOTE OF ATTENDANCE

(Randall Kinzie, Rural Subcommittee Chair)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A: Report and update on Unemployment Insurance metrics in the rural areas
(Denisse Wiley, Deputy Director, Grant Associates)

B: Discussion and update on Business Services Unit activities in the rural areas
(Denisse Wiley, Deputy Director, Grant Associates)

C: Update on Rural Activities (Odette Flores-Ruiz, Rural Development Project Manager)

- Office Hours in Hudspeth and Culberson Counties
- Trails to Success JobCon
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Connection

D: Discussion and update on rural childcare services (Frank Leal, Project Specialist II / Rogelio Luna, Provider Project Manager)

- Continuous Support for Child Care Providers
- Rural Outreach Initiative – Presidio County
- Child Care Investment Program (CCIP)- Alpine

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A: Discussion on items of interest for next agenda – June 26, 2024