

COMMUNITY TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC) MINUTES

Thursday, January 14, 2021

Zoom Meeting and Borden Conference Room hosted by JLDC staff. Attendees: Tom Harrington, Alison Richardson, Eric Seidensticker, Chris Lamoreaux, Bruce Binkowski, Elizabeth Pullman, Leonard Wortman, Nick Hensleigh, John Kreis, Chuck Buus, Jerry Muethling, Diana McFarland, Paul Babb, Lee Good, Bobbi Neuman, Tim Blake, Bill Dawson and Gerry Keough.

1. Tom H. called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Introductions were made. December minutes were approved.
2. **GSM Operations** – Chuck B. presented.
 - a. **Safety Report** -No reportable injuries for December. Strict COVID protocols being followed. No active cases.
 - b. **Operations Update** – Mill building concrete removal is in progress. Working on second crusher storage facility. Working on trucking contract expected to be finalized in March. Mining contract being finalized in February. Conducted a railroad walk through. Working on new job creation/training grant..
 - c. **Employment Status** - 17 full time workers and 25 contractors on site. Water infrastructure is complete.
3. **GSM Environmental Update** – Jerry M. presented
 - a. **Permit Updates** – Environmental Impact Statement contractor has been selected and public scoping meetings expected in February.
 - b. **Reclamation Update** – No reportable spills. 109 acres were seeded and planning on 50 acres this next year.
4. **Jefferson Local Development Corporation Update** - Working on Big Sky Trust Fund projects for a master plan and kitchen assessment at the Montana Developmental Center and green house operation. Submitted a application with Main Street for the Star Theater for an architect report. will help. Brownfields application pending for Buildings 5,6 & 9 on South Campus. Western Legacy Center project moving forward. Meat processing plan report is being finalized. Wind developers working to erect two prototypes.
5. **Whitehall Town Update** – Office is open to the public. Public Works is working on winterizing the town and mild weather is saving snow budgets and creating more time for other projects. Water treatment project moving forward.
6. **Whitehall Schools Update** – No report.
7. **Whitehall Chamber of Commerce Update** – Alison Richardson is new president. Christmas Stroll modified to vendor popup at the Chamber office went well. Gingerbread house event went well. Holiday lighting went well with many participants. Thanked Northwestern Energy for supporting the prizes. Black Tie and Blue Jeans event is planned for May.
8. **Jefferson County Commission/Events** – Health department still working hard with Covid issues. Bob Mullen is new commission chair. Mask discussion for employees at the courthouse is ongoing. County shop is now under the Road Department and road issues can now be addressed online. Planning for events to happen in 2021. Public radio broadcasting high school sports events. playing holiday music. Fairgrounds wrapping up projects. Will be airing the upcoming high school sporting events.
9. **Pipestone Creek Sedimentation/Jefferson Slough Project Update** – Construction has started.
10. **Fish Wildlife Parks Update** –The extended chronic wasting disease hunt is ongoing with moderate participation. Annual game survey flights are waiting for snow event to move animals into winter ranges for better counts.
11. **Other Items** – Discussed Boulder BTAC is doing a monthly legislative update with Senator McClafferty and Representative Bertoglio.

Adjourn 9:01 am. Next meeting will be February 11, 2021.