

Community Transition Advisory Committee (CTAC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 9, 2019

The CTAC meeting was held in the Borden's conference room in Whitehall. Attendees were Tom Harrington, Bruce Binkowski, Dan Banghart, Chuck Buus, Nick Hensleigh, Tim Mulligan, Leonard Wortman, Kaleena Miller, Alison Richardson, Gerry Keogh, Ed Handl, Paul Babb, and Aubrie Boline.

1. Meeting started at 8:04 a.m. followed by introductions. April minutes were approved.
2. **GSM Operations (GSM):** Dan B. presented.
 - a. **Safety Report** – No reportable injuries for over 400 days. No spills reported.
 - b. **Current Operations Update** – Monthly production was 2500 ounces, which was above projections. Underground finished running in April and had a good month despite the challenging grades.
 - c. **Employment Status** – 53 employees and 90 contractors.
 - d. **Exploration** – Continuing to get power to the Apex portal. Geology work is ongoing at Apex. Drilling is complete in the south area and tailings #1 and results are being reviewed.
 - e. **Third Party Ore Processing** – None at this time.
 - f. **West High Wall** – Monitoring in progress.
 - g. **Concentrator Project** – Tests are being completed at Montana Tech. Ongoing discussions about transportation challenges. Need to evaluate geotechnical aspects of the project.
 - h. **Infrastructure Project** – Project begins next week.
 - i. **Other** – Rebecca Darling and Kevin Cook are thankful for all of the community input during interviews. The annual outdoor classroom event was held at the Candlestick Ranch with youth from around the area attending from Montana City to Harrison. Good event that has been ongoing for over 26 years.
3. **GSM Environmental Update:**
 - a. **Permit Updates** – None at the moment. Looking into water treatment and tailings reprocessing.
 - b. **Reclamation** – Ongoing. Working with Smith Construction to push topsoil. The mine is designing their own reclamation plan. The drainage presents challenges to reclamation. Seeding will begin soon. Challenges with deer eating plants. Currently have a 25% success rate in re-vegetation, which is good.
 - c. **Closure Planning** – Hydrology studies and water treatment testing are ongoing.
4. **Sunlight Business Park (SBP) Overview:**
 - a. **Science, Technology and Innovation Committee (STI)** – A pre-construction meeting will be held this morning and will start breaking ground on new building in the business park next week. Internet is expanding in Boulder. NorthWestern Energy is looking for proposals for alternative energy projects.
 - b. **Underground Tour (Drone Usage)** – Several CTAC, STI, and JLDC members went on a tour of GSM's underground to learn about how they use drones in their operations. Informative and educational tour.
 - c. **Wind Project Update** – Moving the operation from Lolo to Whitehall. A prototype will be completed in June.
5. **Community Impact Meeting Update** – Several community members met in late April to discuss the future of Whitehall with the impending mine closure.
6. **Town of Whitehall** – Town meeting rescheduled for May 20. Planting trees for Arbor Day. In the process of fixing potholes. Awarded TIF grants to several businesses. The NWE power outage went well.
7. **Whitehall Safety Fair** – May 17 at the community center from 8:30am-3pm. Free and open to the public.
8. **Pipestone Creek/Jefferson Slough Update** – Contractor re-vegetating area. \$400K from NRC for slough work.
9. **Whitehall Chamber** – Black Tie event and Easter Egg Hunt went well. Frontier Days planning is ongoing.
10. **Jefferson County** – Boulder interchange project ongoing. The state may turn the MDC campus over to the county, and it may be utilized as a veteran's center. Changes at the Riverside facility. Mine closure planning ongoing. Working with someone who may potentially put a dog food factory or meat packing plant in Jefferson County. Planning for Mule Days and Halloween event is ongoing. Increasing promotion of county radio. Country Jam is returning this summer. Census will occur next year.
11. **Other Items of Discussion** – Community presentation in White Sulphur Springs later this month. Discussed opportunity zones.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am, and the next meeting is set for June 13, 2019.