

COMMUNITY TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

MINUTES

Thursday, May 13, 2021

Zoom Meeting hosted by JLDC Staff. Attendees: Lee Good, Bruce Binkowski, Chuck Buus, Hannah Nieskens, Leonard Wortman, Paul Babb, John Kreis, Ann Geiger, Tim Mulligan, John Crist, Alison Richardson, Tom Harrington, Eric Seidensticker, Chris Lamoreaux. Guest: Representative Marta Bertoglio.

1. Tom H. called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Introductions were made. April 2021 minutes were approved.
2. **GSM Operations** – Chuck B. presented.
 - a. **Safety Report** – 1510 days with no lost time. 1190 days with no treatable injuries.
 - b. **Operations Update** – Continuing working on mill remodel. Decking is being completed. Material pipeline and receiving materials and components is progressing. Floatation cells have been shipped. Filter press is expected very soon. Floatation cells should be here mid-June. Work is progressing on concentrator project. Tours are available. The phone number is published in the Whitehall Ledger. Call for more information.
 - c. **Employment Status** - 16 full time workers and 52 contractors and adding 10-12 more soon. An offer has been made for the Environmental Safety officer position. An existing building on the property has been turned into a bunkhouse which is saving the company money. Info will be out in June about hiring additional workers and efforts will be made to hire locally.
3. **GSM Environmental Update** – Chuck reported
 - a. **Permit Updates** – Environmental Impact Statement process is moving forward with a Record of Decision expected by September 15th. More public comment opportunity will be available when the draft document is published in mid-June. Public support will be an important part of process.
 - b. **Reclamation Update** – Reseeding is in process and will need some moisture to help with the process. Planning on additional acres this summer. Recent wind events have been strong and were able effectively control dust.
4. **Jefferson Local Development Corporation Update** – Finished the RFP with Town of Whitehall for a Masterplan and will be reviewing 5 proposals with the Mayor. Still working with GSM on job creation grant. Busy marketing at SBP. We are getting a new pole for Osprey that has decided to roost at the park. Brownfields grant was not successful. Meat Processing report is out. Work progressing on Western Legacy Center. South Campus masterplan progressing. Star Theater architect report moving forward.
5. **American Recovery Act** – Working closely with commissioners on county allocation using newest guidelines. Public meeting will be held at Volunteer Hall in Boulder on May 20th @ 6:00pm. There is also a link available on the County website. This meeting will be to solicit public comment for appropriation of funds.
6. **Whitehall Town Update** – Budget cycle and Recovery Funding is being reviewed. Water treatment plant is progressing. Spring cleanup went well.
7. **Whitehall Schools Update** – Hiring Math teacher, assistant cheerleading coach and VB coach. Graduation is May 23 and will be held outside. May 28th is the last day of school. Pre-K program was so successful that they will offer a morning and afternoon program next year. Many facilities projects going on this summer. Offering grief counseling to teachers and students affected by the death of a student this past weekend. New sprinkler system being installed.
8. **Whitehall Chamber of Commerce Update** – Black Tie & Blue Jeans is this Saturday. It will be held at the Copper K Barn and attendance is up from past years. Preparing for Frontier Days. This year, they will be honoring veterans and Gerry Keough will be parade Grand Marshal.
9. **Jefferson County Commission/Events** – County budget cycle is in progress as well as Recovery Act Fund allocation. Hot Springs bridge will be paved in the next few days. _____ Creek has had many issues so it will be postponed until next year. Events has a very busy summer lined up. The fairgrounds are booked every weekend this summer and they have had bookings for 2022 as well. Met with the MHP yesterday and they are very excited to become in County events. Upgrades to carousel are progressing. Jefferson Co. radio is still airing plays and concerts. Grants have been received to help with the Halloween events in Boulder and Whitehall. New event pamphlets will be going out soon.
10. **Pipestone Creek Sedimentation/Jefferson Slough Project Update** – Reinstalling flow meters and they are monitoring usage daily. Irrigation diversion project is progressing. There will be a survey done this summer.
11. **Fish Wildlife Parks Update** – No report.
12. **Other Items** – Northwestern Energy reported that a pamphlet went out to all their customers about new meters that will be installed over the next 3 years. Marta Bertoglio said that she is glad the legislative session is over and was glad to have been a representative and is here to help with any questions or concerns.

Adjourn 8:50 am. Next meeting will be June 10, 2021.