

## COMMUNITY TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC) MINUTES

Thursday, August 12, 2021

Meeting was a combination Zoom and in person at the Borden conference room. Attendees: Lee Good, Chuck Buss, Leonard Wortman, Hannah Nieskens, Tim Blake, Jim Buterbaugh, Bruce Binkowski, Tim Mulligan, Tom Harrington, Eric Seidensticker, Erin Carbajal, Ruth Lott, Bobbi Neuman, Jerry Keogh, Jerry Muething, Paul Babb, Lee Good, Liz Pullman, Chiara Schobyn, Ann Geiger, Tim Blake, Guest: Alissa Wood.

- Tom H. called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Introductions were made. July minutes were approved.
- **GSM Operations** – Chuck B. presented.
- **Safety Report** – 1595 days with no lost time. 1295 days with no treatable injuries. This is a milestone of over four years without a lost time accident was celebrated.
- **Operations Update** – Continuing working on the mill remodel. Floatation plant is 85% complete, storage area 90% complete, and large plant is due in next week that will require raising power lines due to the size. Covid protocols are in place at the mine to ensure employee safety.
- **Employment Status** – 17 full time workers and 62 contractors with a Safety and Compliance Officer. They've made an offer to a Metallurgist.
- **GSM Environmental Update** –
- **Permit Updates** – EIS being finalized and will be published next week and expect a Record of Decision is expect by September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Reclamation Update** – 140 acres have been seeded and another 60 acres are planned for this fall.
- **Jefferson Local Development Corporation Update** – Discussed ongoing projects. Meat processing is in land discussion, Western Legacy Center progressing, Whitehall Master Plan is in progress, Star Theater assessment is progressing, working on county recovery funding, Boulder South Campus Master Plan and several other business support efforts.
- **American Recovery Act** – Leonard gave an overview of the progress to date and input from the public meetings is being consolidated. Funds have been approved, and plans have been made to hire an administrator.
- **Whitehall Town Update** – Fiscal year budget was approved. Town applied for money out of recovery money, if approved, plans to build new water tower/new buildings. Pool is closing for the summer. There is currently no burning/fire pits in town. Cutting down dead trees and remove weeds will help reduce fire hazard
- **Whitehall Schools Update** – Fiscal year budget has been approved. First day of school is August 25<sup>th</sup>, hired a few new employees, including 2 nurses to monitor status of Covid. No masks will be required for in person learning. Facility upgrades have been made to the boiler, water heater and lawn sprinkler system was installed.
- **Whitehall Chamber of Commerce Update** – Frontier Days had the best attendance in 5-6 years. Halloween planning has begun for Whitehall and Boulder.
- **Jefferson County Commission/Events** – Currently in budget cycle. Road Department has been busy with repairs. Boulder fire has been contained. County events are in full swing and well attended. Madison-Jefferson Fair is in progress and county fair will be the end of the month.
- **Pipestone Creek Sedimentation/Jefferson Slough Project Update** – Close to being completed. Milfoil spraying is ongoing, and reduction is working. Drought management plan has been implemented.
- **Fish Wildlife Parks Update** – No report.
- **Other Items** – Northwestern Energy report meter changes are in progress.

Adjourn 8:50 a.m. Next meeting will be September 9, 2021