

COMMUNITY TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC) MINUTES

Thursday, October 13, 2021

Meeting was a combination Zoom and in person at the Roberts Building in Whitehall. Attendees: Jerry Muething, Jay Linderman, Liz Pullman, Nick Hensleigh, Leonard Wortman, Bruce Binkowski, Tom Harrington, Tim Mulligan, Hanna Nieskens, and Erin Carbajal.

- Tom H. called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Introductions were made. September minutes were approved.
- **GSM Operations** – Jerry M. presented.
- **Safety Report** – 1660 days with no lost time accidents. 1330 days without a medical lost time. Covid protocols are in effect for employees, contractors, and visitors. 77% of the workforce has been vaccinated.
- **Operations Update** – Mill remodel continues to progress. Tanks and pumps are completed, with work on the side walls of the tank beginning soon. Filter press has been installed. Concrete pour has been completed.
- **Employment Status** – 17 full time workers with one pending offer and 67 contractors. Applications are being reviewed for 14 new positions.
- **GSM Environmental Update** –
- **Permit Updates** – EIS favorable Record of Decision was published. Bond has been posted.
- **Reclamation Update** – Seeding will continue with an estimated 45-50 acres to be complete by mid-October before the snow falls.
- **Jefferson Local Development Corporation Update** – Western Legacy Center announcement will follow the CTAC meeting today. Whitehall Master Plan is in progress. Working on county Recovery Act funding, Boulder South Campus Master Plan progressing. EDA application for WLC has been submitted. Working on a new warehouse building in the business park. Working on hiring a Grant Administrator/ARPA Administrative position and Childcare Coordinator. South Campus demolition project progressing. North county survey complete. Meat processing plant discussions moving forward.
- **Whitehall Schools**. Covid protocols are being observed and number of cases has declined to three. Discussed possible childcare collaboration using property next to the old gym and school board is supportive. Busy with ongoing sports activities. Enrollment numbers are looking good and several new families have moved into the area.
- **Whitehall Town Update** – Public Works has been doing a lot of winterization. Water treatment plant progressing. Annexation requests and building permits on the rise.
- **Whitehall Chamber of Commerce Update** – Busy planning for the Fall Festival and Christmas Stroll. Haunted house will be held with the Fall Festival.
- **Jefferson County Commission/Events** – Road Department has been busy with repairs. Haystack Fire has been contained and fire crews have moved out of the fair grounds. Reduced the county mill levy helping to reduce taxes. Recovery Act funding is in progress.
- **Pipestone Creek Sedimentation/Jefferson Slough Project Update** – Water flows have increased and drought management meetings are no longer required.
- **Fish Wildlife Parks Update** – No report.
- **Other Items** – All attendee's invited to stay for the Western Legacy Center announcement following CTAC.

Adjourn 8:37 a.m. November meeting is Veterans Day holiday and will be cancelled and held on December 9, 2021 at the Borden Hotel conference room in Whitehall.