

Jefferson Local Development Corporation (JLDC)

Meeting Minutes, March 20, 2019
Montana City Grill, Montana City, MT

Board members and staff present: Tom Harrington, Adam Senechal, Brad Culver, Drew Dawson, Nick Hensleigh, Lee Good, Alison Richardson, Vicki Gruber, Leonard Wortman, and Aubrie Boline. Kristi Wilson joined by conference call. Guest Bruce Binkowski.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Adam S. followed by introduction of guests. A motion was made to accept the February 2019 meeting minutes, seconded, and passed.

Treasurers Report

Tom H. reviewed the JLDC and Borden's financial reports. Discussed the Borden's taxes submitted to Barrick. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the reports.

Boulder Activities

Tom H. provided an update on the demolition of the kitchen building. The tear down is complete, and a steam tunnel was revealed under the structure. Contractor will fill in the tunnel. Update on the EPA grants. JLDC grant was rejected, but the county grant is moving forward. Conducted a walk-through of building 8 with the new AYA director. The building needs new kitchen cabinets and counters.

Discussed the 14 statements of work from the Boulder Development Fund Board. Two RFPs are out now. Projects are progressing smoothly. Tom H. and Alison R. attended an EDA meeting today. City council is considering expanding the city hall.

The Fair Grounds Master Plan final draft is in public review until April 1.

Internet expansion in Boulder is up to the high school. As the weather warms up, it will continue down Main Street.

Tom H. reported that the contract was signed to hire an independent consultant. Kristian Richardson starts on April 1.

The county issued an RFP for a Preliminary Architectural Report to be conducted for the I-15 Interchange Development. The county attorney advised that it was done incorrectly, so it will be issued again next week. There will be a meeting on April 16 for the major parties involved in the development project including the clerk and recorder, commission, and events coordinator.

Other Activities

Update provided on the tax increment districts. The TIFID board will meet later today. There are two lots remaining in the north district. Lewis and Clark County is interested in starting a business park similar to the one in Jefferson County. Discussed starting a new business park in the north end in Jefferson County. Discussed the Clancy water challenges and how the EDA could potentially help if a new business would establish there.

Golden Sunlight Mine produced 2000 ounces this last month. Closure planning and concentrator feasibility are ongoing. Discussed the Rangold/Barrick merger and the Newmont/Barrick joint venture in Nevada. The concentrator project looks optimistic.

LGT is in the process of moving their wind operation from Lolo to Whitehall. A two bay building will be constructed for them. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to change the construction to a three or four bay building if the 1031 exchange on Warehouse 2 goes through. Discussed the potential of a small solar project at the business park.

The watershed may have money appropriated for the slough project.

The county has sandbags and sand available for residents at county shops in case of flooding. The mosquito outlook is not good.

Administrative Items

Staff notes. New 4-H agent position hiring process is underway, and phone interviews will be conducted next week. Discussed the upcoming strategic planning session on April 17 from 10am to 2pm. Discussed the need to think of ideas and priorities beforehand.

Public Comment & Adjourn

Adjourned 2:54 p.m. Next meeting is the annual strategic planning retreat, 10:00am, April 17, 2019 in Whitehall. Location to be decided.