

## **Jefferson Local Development Corporation (JLDC)**

Meeting Minutes, May 15, 2019

Boulder City Hall, Boulder, MT

**Board members and staff present:** Tom Harrington, Alison Richardson, Brad Culver, Drew Dawson, Nick Hensleigh, Lee Good, Leonard Wortman, Mari Jean Bellander, Adam Senechal and Aubrie Boline. Kristi Wilson joined by phone call. Guests Bruce Binkowski and LaDana Hintz.

### **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Adam S. followed by introduction of guests. A motion was made to accept the April 2019 meeting minutes, seconded and passed.

### **Treasurers Report**

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

Discussed the need to discuss the future of the Borden LLC. Staff will draft a white paper for next meeting.

Reviewed and discussed the Metal Mines budget spreadsheet. Discussed creating a white paper on sustainability of the account.

Alison R. reviewed the draft budget spreadsheets. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the budgets as proposed and present to the commission.

### **Boulder Activities**

Tom H. reported that the kitchen building has been successfully demolished. YDI would like to make Boulder their showcase location and either renovate or demo/rebuild building #6. The county submitted Brownfield grant applications for two buildings and should hear back within a month.

Fifteen statements of work (SOWs) have been submitted for the Boulder Development Fund and the board is making good progress on projects.

Tom H. and Leonard W. went to Fort Harrison for a meeting about potentially bringing veteran's services to the MDC campus. The property survey is moving forward and the contractor is working on a business plan.

The Jefferson County Commission approved spending up to \$50k for a PAER on the I-15 Interstate Development Project and decided to hire Mosaic Architecture to conduct the review. The county will apply for a \$25k grant to help cover costs. John Rogers has agreed to meet with the CPA's conducting the economic feasibility study and not charge for his time to do so.

### **Other Activities**

Alison R. facilitated a brainstorming session to identify the top projects for JLDC to focus on throughout the next year. The top projects are MDC reutilization, I-15 interchange development, GSM sustainability, Sunlight Business Park, community engagement and wind development.

BBG Contractors broke ground on the new building at Sunlight Business Park this week. Staff is helping a north end business find land for expansion.

Discussed how Golden Sunlight Mine closure could potentially have positive effects on the Sunlight Business Park. Discussed a potential dog food/meat processing factory in the county, the Piedmont Wetlands, the concentrator project at the mine, legacy issues with the mine and the potential for a new community center in Whitehall. Discussed how JLDC would be the catalyst and organizer for a mine legacy package. Discussed the outdoor classroom event at Candlestick Ranch and the underground mine tour that some board members attended.

County received \$400k from the DNRC to continue the slough project and rebuild levies. Received a contract for a blowout. The remote sensor has been installed.

The county is looking at redoing parts of the solid waste system such as moving the Montana City site. Many county roads have been damaged from frost boils. County is preparing for the budget process.

### **Administrative Items**

Staff notes. Discussion about staff time and the contractor. Conducting reference checks for the new 4-H Agent.

### **Public Comment & Adjourn**

Adjourned 3:01 p.m. Next board meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2019 at 1:30pm in the north end of the county. Location to be decided.