

Jefferson Local Development Corporation (JLDC)
Meeting Minutes, January 15, 2020
Jury Room, Jefferson County Courthouse, Boulder, MT

Board members and staff present: Tom Harrington, Alison Richardson, Drew Dawson by phone, Erika Morris, Nick Hensleigh, Kristi Wilson, Adam Senechal, Clint Smith, Gena Nellis, MariJean Bellander by phone, Corri Barry, Jan Thorne. *Guests:* Bruce Binkowski of Jefferson County Events and Pat Burt of Newland & Co.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:17pm by Adam Senechal. A motion was made to accept the December 2019 meeting minutes, seconded and passed.

Treasurers Report

Gena N. reviewed JLDC and Borden's financial reports. A motion was made to accept the December financial report for JLDC and Borden's, seconded and passed. Pat Burt, JLDC Accountant, gave presentation of Entity Transfer options for JLDC in regard to Borden Owner LLC and dissolution/sunset of ownership agreements with GSM. Good question and answer session followed. There was further discussion regarding debt forgiveness of B.O. balance sheet items. It was agreed a white paper was needed for further clarification for board on options and possible actions moving forward.

Boulder Activities

YDI expansion plans at South Campus are moving forward. Tom H. shared Building #25 needs roof repairs and staff is exploring grant options to assist in costs for new shingles.

Reported on the Boulder Development Board projects and current status of funding. Boulder Western Legacy Center project moving forward.

MDC committee report was provided along with information for upcoming tour regarding the pain management center with Saint James Healthcare and the VA Hospital. DPHHS trust designations and appraisals will be complete by this fall. The MDC Brownfields grant for the historic administrative building is now in Phase II.

Other Activities

Updated group on status of North TIFID regarding new building and retirement of Dave Duffy.

Updated group on status of South TIFID GSM infrastructure work wrapping up and bond work is progressing. Contact with potential business developments in the park continues.

Reported on CTAC/GSM meetings that GSM has 20 employees and 14 contactors. Discussed some community sustainability closure information will be provided at the March CTAC meeting.

Discussed meat processing property needs and that a feasibility grant is being submitted to Big Sky Trust Fund. Response expected early next month.

Discussed JLDC staffing needs. Motion made, seconded and passed for staff to negotiate with short term contractor to work on time sensitive Montana Legacy Center project needs. Long term staffing solutions to follow.

Alison discussed upcoming Whitehall Chamber event and suggested a Board presence would be appreciated. Board motioned, seconded and approved purchase of tickets for events on as needed basis.

Alison shared county update including copy of growth policy. Tom shared update of Metal Mines disbursements for schools and Economic Development.

Leonard reported Red Rocks logging contract going out to bid. County hiring is in progress.

Administrative Items

Alison reviewed staff notes and reminded board to let staff know if they would like to attend Economic Update Summit. She also shared turnout for upcoming marketing training is expected to be high. Staff shared Clancy Gym remediation work has been completed.

Public Comment & Adjourn

Bruce B. shared information on Census and group discussed ways to support participation. Adjourned at 1:49pm. Next meeting scheduled for February 19 at 1:30 p.m. at Borden's Conference Room in Whitehall.