

Jefferson Local Development Corporation (JLDC)
Meeting Minutes January 20, 2021
Zoom Meeting Whitehall, Montana

Board Members present: Nick Hensleigh, Drew Dawson, Leonard Wortman, Brad Culver, Jan Thorne, MariJean Bellander, Adam Senechal, Clint Smith, Lee Good, Kristi Wilson, Erika Morris and Bruce Binkowski
Staff present- Alison Richardson, Tom Harrington, Eric Seidensticker and Chris Lamoreaux
Guests: Six Attendees from the Montana Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame.

Call Meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order by Nick Hensleigh at 1:30 pm. A motion was made to accept the December 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Financials were presented for Borden's and JLDC. Motion approved and carried. Accountant will present audit report at a special meeting on Wednesday January 27 at 1:30pm. This will be via Zoom.

Project Updates:

1. **Sub Committees – North End** - Clint is chair. Discussing having roundtables, to get more community businesses involved. Working with META. JLDC met with Ash Grove last week as they are looking to become more involved in the community. **MDC**- See below. **JLDC Sustainability**-Nick is chair. Need to integrate plans for future sustainability of JLDC. Need to replace metal mine resource. Possible RCDI grants. Discussed benefits for JLDC employees and will be discussed at JLDC meeting. Working on an employee handbook. **SBP** – Clint is chair. Two main subjects for SBP, 1. Meat Processing. See below. 2. Water Treatment -Potential for a wetland's development, possibly incorporate mine in this venture. Possible utilize waste material (could be possible fund source). Working on options to extend TIF grant. **WLC**- See below. Meeting invites will be going out via Zoom in the next week.
2. **MDC** – Drew is chair of sub-committee. Looking to integrate efforts with BTAC. Discussed the direction MDC is going. County lobbyist will be invited to the next meeting. Brownfield Bldg. 9, no decision on application yet. Roof patch was approved. MDC project will also spill over onto the South Campus. Brownfields Coalition, possibly partner with Lewis & Clark County.
3. **Western Legacy Center** – Leonard is chair of sub-committee. Welcomed MT Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame members to our meeting. They are looking at the possibility of joining us in the WLC. They want it to be a win for both sides. Architect should have feasibility report soon. Tourism branding grant was submitted.
4. **Meat Processing Plant** – Optimistic the final report will be out soon. Will be presented to the board in March.
5. **Star Theater** – A main street grant for an architectural assessment was submitted.
6. **TIFID** – Hiring at GSM should begin in spring of 2021. Still working on solution for transporting material. Looking into rail system vs. truck. North End is doing well. Potential for another TIFID up there.
7. **County Health Improvement Plan** – The final report is finished. City of Boulder has formally adopted it. They will be holding quarterly meetings going forward.
8. **Jefferson County Update** – COVID still making an impact on the county health employees. Vaccinations will be starting soon. The County Health and the two pharmacies are approved to give the vaccine. Fairgrounds still making improvements. All county events moving ahead in 2021.
9. **Jefferson Slough/Pipestone Creek**- Pipestone started on irrigation diversion. Slough work in Phase 2.
10. **Administration Items** – RCDI grant money will be available to improve education of staff. Membership drive is going well. Certificates will go out next week
11. **Public Comment** – Next meeting will be an in person and Zoom and lunch will be provided on Feb. 17th at 12:30 and meeting starts at 1:00pm. Please RSVP. BTAC is hosting a legislative forum the last day of each month for next few months. Sign-up for Business Seminar is due on Jan 25th. Dues for this meeting will be paid by JLDC.

Meeting adjourned at 3:21 pm. Next meeting will be held on February 17th at 1:00pm