

Jefferson Local Development Corporation (JLDC)
Meeting Minutes, July 17, 2019
Clerk and Recorder Conference Room, Boulder, MT

Board members and staff present: Tom Harrington, Brad Culver, Drew Dawson, Nick Hensleigh, Alison Richardson, Leonard Wortman, Adam Senechal, Clint Smith and proxy from Kristi, Vicki and Ed. Guests Bonnie Ramey and Bruce Binkowski.

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 May 2019 meeting minutes, seconded and passed.

Treasurers Report

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

Bonnie R. presented a recap of the metal mine budget and what the impact losing Golden Sunlight Mine would have on metal mine tax proceeds. Account has about six years of resources at current expenditure rate and discussion followed on potential options for JLDC operational funding going forward and creating a white paper on sustainability of the account.

Reviewed and draft budget that was presented to the commission.

Boulder Activities

Tom H. reported that YDI would like to make Boulder their showcase facility and plans to demo/rebuild building #6. Working on a landscape plan. Coordinated with EPA on unsuccessful Brownfield grant and got some good information for resubmittal during the next cycle.

Reviewed the fifteen statements of work (SOW's) in progress and current ongoing actions.

Montana Developmental Center (MDC) committee meeting discussed ongoing survey is moving forward. Contractor continues working on facility options with primary being focused on a veteran pain management center. Working on business plan document to look at various options for the facility.

I-15 Interchange PAER and Economic Feasibility study is in process and ongoing coordination with EDA is in progress.

Other Activities

Selected annual business awards. Business of Year – Legal Tender in Clancy, Innovative Business – Montana Highland Lamb in Whitehall, Business Improvement – Sweet Spot in Boulder.

Annual meeting and dinner will be August 22nd at 6 pm at the Whitehall Community Center and discussed either snacks or full meal and board deferred to staff to decide. Discussed need for door prizes.

Three board vacancies exist and Ed. H and Vicki G. requested not to be reappointed. Drew D. agreed to stay for another term. Announcements will be made in the newspaper to elect board members at the annual meeting.

Update was provided on the county tax incremental districts. Warehouse building is in construction phase and an opportunity to build another building was discussed and would involve outside funding. Motion was made and seconded for staff to negotiate terms for a new building and seek financing as needed. Passed.

Update on the Golden Sunlight Mine status was provided followed by legacy closure items being discussed. Reduction in Force scheduled for the end of September. Concentrator project continues to gain positive momentum.

Update on watershed activities was provided by Leonard W.

County is moving forward with solid waste site development and capital improvement plan.

Administrative Items

Staff notes reviewed.

Public Comment & Adjourn

Adjourned at 3:01 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for September 18, 2019 at 1:30 in Whitehall.