

Jefferson Local Development Corporation (JLDC)
Meeting Minutes September 16, 2020
Borden Conference Room Zoom Meeting Whitehall, Montana

Board Members and Staff present: Tom Harrington, Alison Richardson, Eric Seidensticker, Chris Lamoreaux, Adam Senechal, Drew Dawson, Leonard Wortman, Nick Hensleigh, Corri Barry, Brad Culver, Jan Thorne, MariJean Bellander, Kristi Wilson, and Lee Good. *Guests:* Bruce Binkowski and Jim Buterbaugh

Call Meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order by Adam Senechal at 1:30 pm. A motion was made to accept the August 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Annual audit is in progress and adjustments are being made to financials. Working on the updating the QuickBooks accounting system to reconcile the Borden LLC and JLDC consolidation. Accountant will present audit report at the next meeting.

Election of Officers: Annual officer election for the upcoming year were held. Drew Dawson made a motion and Leonard Wortman seconded to elected Nick Hensleigh as JLDC President. Passed. Nick Hensleigh made a motion and Kristi Wilson seconded to elect Drew Dawson as JLDC Vice President. Passed. Kristi Wilson made a motion and Leonard Wortman seconded to elect Erika Morris as the JLDC Secretary/Treasurer. Passed.

Project Updates:

1. **MDC** - Working with Headwaters RC&D on a joint campus project to look at infrastructure and develop a master plan. Contractor RFQ is going out this month. Brownfields and DEQ funding will support the Big Sky Trust Fund grant to accomplish the scope of work. Possible projects are Veteran Pain Management facility, proposed use of the commercial kitchen, training center, medical manufacturing and logistical supply point. CARE Covid-19 funding may tie into a logistical training facility that would allow central training to meet specific needs that would house and feed students at the site. Senate Bill 411 had a repurposing for the campus that was never completed and community formed a committee to help utilize the asset without regard for who the end user would be for the betterment of the community.
2. **Western Legacy Center** – Site selection is in progress and meetings have been held in Boulder and Whitehall to discuss the four Boulder sites and one Whitehall site. Public meeting will be held at the Boulder Recreation Complex on October 6 at 6:30 pm to present a recommendation for the Whitehall site to the county commission. JLDC project involvement and role going forward. Several options on level of involvement and potential partners such as the Jefferson Valley Museum Board and Montana Rodeo Hall of Fame. Discussed project feasibility analysis is the next step and that staff will prepare a White Paper on possible involvement scenarios for the next meeting.
3. **Meat Processing Plant** – Weekly calls are being held and close to an interim report. Working with consultant on a financial model. Site selection in progress and GSM discussions are ongoing. Discussed JLDC role is helping to finalize the feasibility study with contractors, assisting with coordination and identify potential funding sources. Working to develop cooperative management structure.
4. **TIFID** – GSM is working on revamping the mill to support the tailings reprocessing effort. New tenant in the business park is Whitehall Plumbing. Wind developer prototype is progressing. Working on trucking company to support material transport supporting concentrator.
5. **CHIP** – County Health Improvement Plan – Alison and Drew are assisting. Survey is completed and Yarrow is the contractor helping to assess the community's needs based. Stakeholder meeting on October 5th.
6. **Jefferson County Update** – Elections will be mail in ballots. Census deadline is approaching and efforts to get the word out are ongoing. Budget was supported by COVID public safety funds. Halloween haunted house in Whitehall and Boulder are being worked.
7. **Administration Items** – Annual Awards presented to Marks Lumber – Business of the Year and Whitehall Chamber – Community Improvement. Discovery KidZone – Innovative Business will be presented later this month. Governance calendar all the locations are up in the air. Meeting is always held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm.
8. **Public Comment** – Nick H. discussed JLDC sustainability and Metal Mines longevity. Discussed wetting up committees with interested board members to work on projects as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm. Next meeting will be held in Boulder on October 21st in Boulder.