

MINUTES
COMMUNITY TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Thursday, April 9, 2020

The CTAC meeting was held in the Borden's conference room. Attendees were Tom Harrington, Alison Richardson, Chuck Buus, John Kreis, Bruce Binkowski, Jerry Muethling, Jack Smith, Leonard Wortman, Nick Hensleigh, Lee Good, Gena Nellis, Lee Good, Marta Bertoglio, Ann Geiger, Kristi Wilson, Jill Dove, Paul Babb, and Hannah Nieskens.

1. Zoom video meeting started at 8:00 a.m. followed by introductions.
2. March minutes were approved.
3. **GSM Operations**: Chuck B. presented
 - a. **Safety Report** - No reportable injuries for March and reached a milestone with three years without a reportable injury on March 23rd. No spills or environmental issues. Chuck discussed the Covid-19 procedures that have been implemented and the importance following guidelines. He referenced some lessons learned from other locations that had negative impacts as virus spread to other employees and caused impacts to their current operations. Working on the mine readiness plan. They have ordered masks that can be distributed as needed to the community to assist with shortages.
 - b. **Current Operations and GSM Update** – Working on reviewing infrastructure.
 - c. **Employment Status** -19 FTE and 10 FTE contractors.
 - d. **Tailings Reprocessing/Concentrator Project**- Permit has been submitted to DEQ and they have a 90-day review period. Engineering is progressing. There is a corporate meeting on April 22nd that will review the project and he indicated it is not a money maker but, is better than water treatment costs.
 - e. **Infrastructure Updates** – Waterline project is complete.
4. **GSM Environmental Update** – Jerry M. Presented
 - a. **Permit Updates** – Title 5 Air Quality permit renewal application is under review at DEQ.
 - b. **Reclamation Update** – Hauling compost for dump sites. Working on 30-acres of reclamation and will be doing some seeding.
 - c. **Closure Planning**- Candlestick Ranch and all other current access to remain the same.
 - d. **Other Items**- TSF2 has 85M gallons of water and below the target of 120M gallons.
5. **Sunlight Business Park Update** –Tom H. gave the group a brief update on potential tenants. Wind developer moving forward with developing a prototype. Alison R. discussed the meat processing feasibility grant is moving forward with development of a scope of work. JLDC is working on the Montana Developmental center reuse, Western Legacy Center and has a couple of Brownfields projects in progress.
6. **Town of Whitehall Update**- Nick H. shared offices are closed to the public with staff working to sustain operations. Water treatment facility was granted a one-year extension to complete the project by August 2021.
7. **Whitehall Schools Update**- Hannah N. shared instruction is ongoing with internet and education packets to students during the Covid-19 shutdown. Chromebooks have been distributed to help with the remote education process. She has a weekly call with state leadership and decisions on school opening is being done on a two-week interval with current closure through April 24. Meals are being prepared and distributed for 152 students. Vicky Jo Fuller made and donated masks to help the staff and were very much appreciated. Staff has been divided into teams to minimize exposure. Crow's nest has been demolished and new bleacher project is progressing.
8. **Whitehall Chamber of Commerce Update** – John K. shared Black Tie Blue Jeans, with roaring 20's theme went well and he thanked GSM sponsorship. Alison explained the Easter egg hunt will be done virtually.
9. **Jefferson County Commission/Events**- Bruce B. shared event planning is on-going and changes are being handled as they occur. County public radio is being used to communicate information. Leonard W. shared MDC reutilization planning is progressing. Legacy center PAER is in progress with site selection. He discussed the COVID-19 procedures have closed all county offices to the public with employees continuing to provide needed services. He stressed the importance of the 2020 Census. National primary election will be held in June as a mail in ballot.
10. **Pipestone Creek Sedimentation/Jefferson Slough Project Update** – Tom shared fencing work for slough project will begin soon. Slough project expansion planning is ongoing and Pipestone Creek irrigation diversion is moving forward.
11. **Other Items of Discussion** – Paul B., NWE, discussed Covid-19 support handout that will be sent out. They are closed to the public but providing services as usual.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m. and the next meeting is set for May 14, 2020.