

MINUTES
COMMUNITY TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Thursday, May 14, 2020

The CTAC meeting was held via Zoom and hosted by JLDC staff. Attendees were Tom Harrington, Alison Richardson, Chuck Buus, Diana McFarland, Bruce Binkowski, Jerry Muethling, Tim Blake, Ed Handl, Jack Smith, Leonard Wortman, Nick Hensleigh, Lee Good, Gena Nellis, Marta Bertoglio, Ann Geiger, Paul Babb, Joe Granvold, Dale Mahugh, Chris Puyear, Senator Daines Office.

1. Zoom video meeting started at 8:06 a.m. followed by introductions.
2. April minutes were approved.
3. **GSM Operations**: Chuck B. presented
 - a. **Safety Report** - No reportable injuries for April with 1150 days without a lost time accident. No spills or environmental issues. Discussed the Covid-19 response sharing they assisted some groups in the community with PPE. Internal Covid-19 procedures have been implemented
 - b. **Current Operations and GSM Update** – Working on mill demolition, retrofit and electrical wiring. In the process of removing some generators.
 - c. **Employment Status** -19 FTE and 10 FTE contractors.
 - d. **Tailings Reprocessing/Concentrator Project**- Corporate press release approved project with projected start January 2022. Permit submitted to DEQ and is in 90-day review period. Engineering is progressing.
 - e. **Infrastructure Updates** – Waterline project is complete.
4. **GSM Environmental Update** – Jerry M. Presented
 - a. **Permit Updates** – Tailings reprocessing permit submitted to DEQ.
 - b. **Reclamation Update** –65 acres have been reseeded so far this spring. Seeding of 32-acre cap beginning this week. Hoping for rain.
 - c. **Closure Planning**- Candlestick Ranch and all other current access to remain the same.
 - d. **Other Items**- Internal Audit conducted/no findings.
5. **Jefferson Local Development Corporation Update** –Tom H. gave an update on Sunlight Business Park. Wind developer moving forward and Tim B. gave group update on new machining equipment and prototype production status. Alison R. discussed the meat processing feasibility grant is moving forward with RFP's due May 22. JLDC is working on the Montana Developmental Center reuse, Western Legacy Center and a couple of Brownfields projects in progress. Working with businesses on Covid-19 stimulus grants and hosting community business forum..
6. **Town of Whitehall Update**- Nick H. shared public pool will not open this season. Chip Seal contract work has begun with collecting old chip seal. Town is purchasing new garbage truck and will be looking for service contractor. Legion Street sidewalk work planned for this year. Joe G., fire Chief, shared update on NWE emergency service/shut off reduction of service personnel to our area as well as funding update for needed new breathing apparatus for the department. Discussed fire permits and open burning in the area.
7. **Whitehall Schools Update**- No update.
8. **Whitehall Chamber of Commerce Update** – Alison R. shared upcoming events through the chamber facebook page, highlighting Rally for Retail on May 22nd and Senior Cruise Night on May 28th. She encouraged everyone to check out the facebook page regularly for more details.
9. **Jefferson County Commission/Events**- Bruce B. shared June events have been cancelled or rescheduled and Country Jam rescheduled for August. Public hearing for Legacy Center is set for June 11th at the fairgrounds. Leonard W. updated the group county offices are open, budget work has begun and they are expecting a decrease in available funds, Whitetail roadwork is underway, Hot Springs Bridge work is slated for September. He reminded the group of importance of Census participation. June 2nd primary elections will be mail in ballots or in person voting at the courthouse. New road supervisor was hired. County looking at different insurance provider.
10. **Pipestone Creek Sedimentation/Jefferson Slough Project Update** – Pipestone plans are out for review.
11. **Fish Wildlife & Parks** – No update
12. **Safety Fair/River Rally** – Cancelled until next year.
13. **Other Items of Discussion/Next Meeting Date June 11, 2020/Adjourn**– Ann G. thanked GSM for PPE help, shared Whitehall Public Transportation is doing rides by appointment (call 287-3156), job fair set for May 27th at their corporate office. Chris with Senator Daines office shared updates for SBA programs. Paul B. discussed NWE power outage response for the area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m. and the next meeting is set for June 11, 2020.