

COMMUNITY TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

MINUTES

Thursday July 9, 2020

Meeting was held via Zoom and hosted by JLDC staff. Attendees were Tom Harrington, Alison Richardson, Chris Lamoreaux, Bruce Binkowski, Jerry Muethling, Ed Handl, Jack Smith, Leonard Wortman, Nick Hensleigh, Marta Bertoglio, Ann Geiger, Paul Babb, John Crist, Jim Buterbaugh, Chuck Buus, Bobbi Neuman, Diana McFarland, Gerry Keough, Edie McClafferty, Lee Good and Hannah Nieskins.

1. Zoom video meeting started at 8:00 a.m. June minutes were approved..
2. **GSM Operations** - Chuck B. presented
 - a. **Safety Report** – No reportable injuries for June with 1203 days no lost time and 900 days no medical report. Strictly adhering to COVID safety protocol.
 - b. **Current Operations and GSM update** – Mill demolition in progress and will be keeping the smaller mills. Liners being removed and electrical is complete. Ready to submit environmental impact report. Potable water project in process and installing 2000 feet of new water line.
 - c. **Employment Status** – 18 full time workers and 20 contractors on site. Longtime employee Chris Nelson retired.
3. **GSM Environmental Update** – Jerry M. presented
 - a. **Permit Updates** – DEQ responded to tailings reprocessing permit with 65 comments that have been answered and will be returned for review. Tailings reprocessing will be an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) involving public input this fall. DEG and BLM inspectors were on site.
 - b. **Reclamation Update** – Seeding of dumps are in progress.
 - c. **Other Items** – 4.5 inches of rainfall in June.
4. **Jefferson Local Development Corporation Update** – Moving ahead with meat processing plant and contractor has been selected to do the feasibility study funded by the Big Sky Trust Fund grant. New employee, Eric Siedensticker, will be starting Monday to help with projects and county businesses impacted by COVID challenges. Borden's Conference Room is being updated by TSS for ease in video conferencing. Whitehall TIF grants up and available until July 17th for up to \$2000 non-matching or \$5000 matching. Legacy Center is looking at a possible Whitehall site and met with the museum and will be presenting to the Chamber and Town council followed by a public meeting. MDC Trust Land transfer had all positive comments. The first wind prototype is done and a second one is in the works. Boulder Development Fund projects are wrapping up. Working on infrastructure bonding in support of the concentrator. Madison-Jefferson County fair is happening and there is a need for disposable masks. Donations are appreciated.
5. **Whitehall Town Update** – Nick H. reported that sidewalks will be done on Legion Avenue next week. Chip Seal of streets will begin next week. Water treatment facility funding is in place. Pool is open and doing well. There will be lessons & aerobics available. First week with the contracted garbage company went well.
6. **Whitehall Schools Update** – Hannah reported that summer school is wrapping up. Gym is being painted now. Signed another 5-year contract with Harlow's for bus service. Working with health department on COVID protocol. Have purchased new equipment to clean electronics. Installing buzzers and cameras in front. No visitors will be allowed in. Transitioning from class desks to tables. School nurse added and will be liaison between health dept and school. Preparing for fall classes using COVID existing requirements and restrictions and spent \$123K on new equipment and probably is not the final figure. Online classes restricted because of lack of internet and socioeconomic status.
7. **Whitehall Chamber of Commerce Update** – John reported that Frontier Days is approved. Certain events will not happen. New addition is a family movie. Finalizing details later today.
8. **Jefferson County Commission/Events** – Leonard reported budget meetings are starting and loss of GSM net proceeds and impact on tax receipts due to COVID may present challenges. Construction of Hot Springs bridge in next few weeks and expressed thanks to Northwestern Energy assistance with the gas line. Boulder rodeo will be a 3-day event. Whitehall Transportation is expanding to Boulder once a week. Observing COVID guidelines daily. Bruce reported booking at Recreation Complex are starting to pick up. Public radio is up and running.
9. **Pipestone Creek Sedimentation/Jefferson Slough Project Update** -Slough design is in progress. Pipestone diversion is in the building cycle and should be awarded this month.
10. **Other Items** – Northwestern Energy replacing streetlights with LED's. Recent winds have caused some power outages. Candidates spoke briefly.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m. Next meeting on August 13, 2020