

COMMUNITY TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

MINUTES

Thursday August 13, 2020

Meeting was held via Zoom and hosted by JLDC staff. Attendees were Tom Harrington, Alison Richardson, Chris Lamoreaux, Eric Seidensticker, Bruce Binkowski, Jack Smith, Leonard Wortman, Nick Hensleigh, Marta Bertoglio,,John Crist, Chuck Buus, Bobbi Neuman, Diana McFarland, Gerry Keough, Lee Good, Edie McClafferty, Julie, Tim Mulligan, Bill Dawson, Jill Dove, Ellen Rae Thiel, and Hannah Nieskins.

1. Tom H. called the Zoom video meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Introductions were made. June minutes were approved.
2. **GSM Operations** - Chuck B. presented
 - a. **Safety Report** – No reportable injuries for July with 1238 days no lost time and 911 days no medical report. Strictly adhering to COVID safety protocol. All workers being asked to be accountable for themselves.
 - b. **Current Operations and GSM update** – Mill demolition in progress and will be keeping the smaller mills. Liners being removed, almost complete. Final engineer design is being worked. App online for environmental impact concerns. Potable water project is ready and waiting on State to approve moving forward.
3. **Employment Status** – 18 full time workers and 20 contractors on site.
4. **GSM Environmental Update** – Jerry M. presented
 - a. **Permit Updates** – Six comments back on the tailings reprocessing and once they are answered it will begin the Environmental Impact Statement process involving public scoping meetings.
 - b. **Reclamation Update**- Moving forward with seeding and will get 70 acres this fall. Environment review was conducted without any findings.
 - c. **Other Items** – Donated masks for the fair.
5. **Jefferson Local Development Corporation Update** – Department of Commerce business assistance grants to the county are at \$670K to date. August 25th at 7 pm in the Borden conference room is a public meeting on Western Legacy and Commuter Rail. MDC planning and future development is in moving forward with a Big Sky Trust Fund grant to look at infrastructure and master planning. Looking to hire a consultant in the next few weeks. Wind project is going well and second prototype is being developed. Meat processing feasibility study is progressing.
6. **Whitehall Town Update** – Chip seal is complete and well done. Sidewalks are complete. 2020-2021 budget was approved. Pool will receive \$5K county support and the rest will come through donation/fundraising. Contract garbage collection is going well. Town is asking for the first mill levy increase in 50 years. Putting more into fire and public safety.
7. **Whitehall Schools Update** – They have three options for students for the school year. Have program to help those without internet. There is also a split option and remote program. Mask mandate increased the number of students interested in remote option. No visitors allowed in the school. Sports will be scaled down. Still looking for coaches for several teams. Buses are still running.
8. **Whitehall Chamber of Commerce Update** – Frontier Days was a success. Most events happened. Takeout night on Wed August 19th in the park. Music and bingo. Working on Fall Festival.
9. **Jefferson County Commission/Events** – Events Department. did new design on Welcome to Whitehall sign. Needs repairs. Many events planned at the Fairgrounds. Halloween event is still scheduled.
10. **Pipestone Creek Sedimentation/Jefferson Slough Project Update** -Still working on collecting flow data. Water levels are dropping fast. Jefferson River has Hoot Owl restrictions. Slough design is progressing.
11. **Fish Wildlife and Parks Update** – Caverns have limited hours on tours. Bat Week is this week. Campgrounds are busy. Addressing petitions for floating/fishing on Madison. Chronic Wasting Disease in Sheridan/Twin Bridges area and will be collecting samples and monitoring.
12. **Other Items** – New tenants, Center for Mental Health now at Borden's. Have resources for all members in the community. They presented an overview of the services they will offer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m. Next meeting on September 10, 2020