

Jefferson Local Development Corporation (JLDC) Minutes
July 17, 2024
Clancy Library Clancy, MT

Board Members Present: Nick Hensleigh, Lee Good, Stu Goodner, Gary Carlson, Keith Foley, Brad Culver, Cory Kirsch, Drew Dawson

Staff Present: Samantha Yeary, Leah Lewis

Guests: Bruce Binkowski, Lindsey Graham

Via Zoom: Erin Carbajal, LaDana Hinz

Call Meeting to order: Meeting called to order by Keith at 1:31pm. Drew moved, and Stu seconded to approve the May Minutes as presented. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report – Gary gave the last quarter of FY23 treasurer report.

- Report – Gary gave a thorough report on the last quarter financials. Brad made a motion to approve, Stu second. Motion carried.
- Year End- Gary gave a year end report on the financials.
- Audit – End of July or beginning of August there will be a pre-consultation meeting. The audit will be delivered by October 15th. Gary asked for a motion to accept Newlands proposal for the audit and tax return for FY ending in 2024. Audit committee has made the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – No correspondence to go over.

Project Updates Leah presented about Saddle Mountain Park, and that there was a public meeting for land owners that went well. There will be two more meetings. Park is getting a gazebo, it has been mowed, the gazebo has been reroofed and the siding is up. The meetings are to bring some awareness to the community and let everyone know it

is open to the public. On June 30th the T Mobile grant was filed for the Clancy Gym. It was a great fit with the grant as it was for rural towns and for up to \$50k. It would be used for plumbing, new doors, HVAC. Leah spoke about Rattlesnake ridge and what is needed to be done – some parking area with boundaries marked to make sure people know where they should be and not create any new problems to the area or with neighbors. The Whitehall pool has new pergolas and tables. There have been no bids back on the tennis courts. Cottage 5 we are still waiting on the Department of Commerce and should hear back at the beginning of November. Sam went over the updates that included putting an ad in both papers for the Business of the year award and that it is on the website. She went over the operations of Sunlight Business Park and Whitetail Center as well. She stated the grant for the Whitehall Child Care Center is about to sunset with one month left and that the CDBG grant she has been working on for the second home for YDI is coming together nicely, and that it is almost ready to be funded. Keith discussed that he and Sam have created GANT charts for both the ByLaws and Strategic Plan and that he was hoping it would help depict a picture of where we are with it and where we are headed.

Membership & Board Members – Sam and Keith are working on a strategic plan and then will be pushing a new membership drive forward. More information to come soon. Sam stated that there will be an ad in the paper and online for new member making it easier for new members to be able to just sign up online. She stated there are 4 new potential board member candidates.

New business/ Administrative Discussion –

- Approval of Board for new Bylaws as presented – Drew presented a PowerPoint on why new bylaws were needed and what we have been doing. He stated that it provides a new opportunity and its sometimes just easier to start over. It is difficult to interrupt with different versions and that is why we started with a brand new set without amendments. Our organizational structure has changed since the initial bylaws. There are new Montana business statues. Drew state it's easier to work with a new set. Makes us clear and in bounds of 501c6. It broadens but simplifies our purpose. Members will now not be allowed to vote as they were before with current bylaws. Drew made a motion to approve the Bylaws with the amendments made today. Keith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Strategic plan RFI initial findings and action plan moving forward- Sam and Keith presented the

PowerPoint and discussion was had on the findings.

Jefferson County Events – Bruce reported that the county is there have been so many events already with lots more to come. Upcoming events include Frontier Days in Whitehall, Country Jam in Cardwell. He stated there is something every month now until November. He also stated there have been lots of upgrades at the Fairgrounds.

Board Member & Public Comment – none

Board meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Next Board meeting. August 21, 2024, 1:30 p.m., Whitetail Center in Whitehall, MT.