

Community Transition Advisory Committee (CTAC)
Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2011

CTAC meeting was held on 12/15/11 at the Extension Office conference room in Whitehall.

Attendees were Tom Harrington, Leonard Wortman, Gerry Keogh, Ann Geiger, Dave Donnelly, Mark Thompson, Tim Dimock, and Tara Mastel.

Guests: Greg Corr, Scott Haight, Kelly Advee, Renee Johnson, Dan Happel, Paul Antonioli, Karen Burtch, Twila Harrington and Millie Baycroft.

1. Tom H. called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. followed by introductions.
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Gerry made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes; Leonard seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as published.
3. Whitehall Rotary Club wheel chair foundation presentation was made to Tom H. by Millie Baycroft and Karen Burtch thanking him for his service to the community.

4. GSM Operations:

a. Current Operations Update

Tim reported the mine employment was around the same as last month with around 205 employees and 90 contractors. Things are going well in the safety environment with over 2 million man hours without a lost time incident. There has been some delay in mining the ore body. Some geotech issues are being worked due to some ground movement at the waste dump.

b. Exploration

Some of the areas tested will be re-drilled and the feasibility analysis is being worked.

c. Third Party Ore processing

Third party ore processing is on-going and helping with production.

d. Concentrator Project

New project engineer, Kitt Dale, will be at GSM after the first of the year to continue project evaluation and feasibility analysis.

e. Wind Development

Renee Johnson, BLM, gave a presentation on the BLM wind development pilot program in Montana. The BLM property around the GSM site was selected to be a test location to put out a wind RFP to help generate wind development interest. The site was selected due to past wind interest and wind testing that has been done at the location. Tim D. indicated they have had three wind companies interested in the site during the past decade without a project being developed and it must be due to economics. GSM is in the process of purchasing the wind data from the last wind developer. Renee discussed the requirement to develop alternative energy on BLM property using a right of way and that locations in other states are having a lot of activity. She indicated that a successful wind developer would have close coordination with GSM and their mining operation.

5. GSM Environmental Update

Mark T. reported no environmental issues. He discussed the ground movement at the tailings facility and that engineers are looking at the site. GPS monitoring is on-going and it appears the movement is above the tailings surface. The main risk is a liner failure with ground shifting and he will keep the group posted as more information becomes available. Also discussed the South Boulder Road coordination is working, some dust issues are being addressed, and magnesium chloride will be applied. The road speed is being monitored due to the added traffic and that drivers are being held to strict compliance.

6. Sunlight Business Park Overview

a. Construction Status

Tara M. reported that construction is complete and the grant close out is in progress.

b. Subdivision Update

Final Plat documents have been submitted and scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. There are two issues being worked involving tax payments and description of the lease area. A couple companies have expressed an interest in the park and have provided information to a couple of interested local companies.

c. Business Assistance Center/Interpretive Center

The natural resource interpretive center is still being planned and financing of the facility is being researched.

d. Science, Technology and Innovation Committee

Monthly meetings are in progress and focus is on internet connectivity and alternative energy. The school is interested in alternative energy options to reduce energy costs. They are also interested in putting a weather station in and GSM may be able to assist with a tower if one is available or they may be able to provide data using a link from the existing tower to the school.

7. Piedmont Pond Habitat Development

There is still interest in the project and there haven't been any new developments.

8. Big Horn Sheep Project

Open for public comment. A public meeting was recently held and was well attended. Landowner coordination is still on-going.

9. Other Items of Discussion

No other items discussed.

10. Next Meeting Date/Time

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 12, 2012**, 8:00 a.m. at the Extension Office Conference Room. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.