Jefferson Local Development Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting

February 12th, 2025

Volunteer Hall, Boulder, MT

Attendance –

Board Members:

In Person: Michael Seipp, Gary Carlson, Mandy Haller, Keith Foley, Bruce Binkowski

Online – Nick Hensleigh, Stu Goodner, Ashely Lucas, Cam Hahn

Staff: In Person – Sam Yearry, Leah Lewis, Online – Erin Binder

Guest: In Person – Dan Haggarty, Jeff Managan, Lindsey Graham, LaDana Hintz

Called to order: Keith called meeting to order at 1:00 pm and Quorum established

Minutes Review: Gary asked to table board minutes from January until next meeting.

Correspondence: No correspondence to go over.

Presentations:

*Tom Harrington presented about HFI energy project at Sunlight Business Park. It will utilize wind energy to convert hydrogen energy and store in batteries etc. Large project to come with many different phases. Shovel in ground ready hopefully in 12-18 months.

*Priority group – Jeff Managan presented their one page strategic plan road map on where JLDC is, was, and how do we move forward. Identify issues and figuring it out. Give ourselves some credit and go forward with the work we are expecting to do. Leadership believes in it and they share a common goal of succeeding of the county. See handout. He stated that Jefferson County has unique communities. He suggested that we call members – investors instead of members or use member investors. Communication – let people know what we are doing day in and day out… how to promote ourselves. He suggested that we have more community engagement. He also stated we need to look into how we operate, how we are funded, 1/3/5/10 year plans. How it may change in the event of xyz….

Financials: Nick went over the adjustments made to December financials. Discussion was had about moving all over the expenses for the SBP to the Sunlight Business Park accounts. Gary moved to accept the revisions to the financials. Keith seconded. Financials passed unanimously

Project Updates:

Leah updated on Cottage 5. She is working on a new grant that is due March 1st. She is looking for more grants for members and citizens, as well as creating workshops such as a Secretary of State BOI workshop.

Sam gave an update on Whitetail Center and possible new tenant that should be moving in shortly. She also gave an update on the Sunlight Business Park and issues they have recently found such as the well being in the wrong place and no water rights being filed for it, the Fiber line cost compared to the county line, water tank maintenance, and the discharge permit she is working on filing with DEQ.

Subcommittee roles- Committees and roles were created. See list below

Operational and Process Improvements – Michael & Keith

Marketing – Mandy, Cam, and Bruce

Outreach – Leah and Ashley

Sunlight Business Park – Nick and Keith

Strategic Planning – Executive Committee

New business – Discussion was had on "How do we get our footprint in our community?"

Ideas that were given were to do an article on the Whitehall Childcare Center. As well as for the grant for Skyjouring. Maybe perhaps one on the Dollar Store.

Jefferson County Events – Bruce stated that the Skyjouring event had 1100 paid admissions on Saturday and 500 paid admissions on Sunday. He stated the more events the better as it helps economics for the community immensely. Metal mines is in the legislature right now about budget and that will affect Jefferson County tremendously.

Public comment –

Nick stated that in April we have generally always spent time on a budget.

Keith stated that he will send out subcommittee roles and what is needed.

Adjournment: Keith adjourned the meeting at 2:31 pm.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be held at Montana City Grill on 3/19/24 at 1 pm.