**Jefferson Local Development Corporation**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 21st, 2026**

**Volunteer Hall, Boulder, MT**

**Attendance** –

Board Members in Person: Keith Foley, Mandy Haller, Bruce Binkowski, Nick Hensleigh, Cory Kirsch.

Board Members Online: Michael Seipp, Clint Smith.

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

Guest: Online – LaDana Hintz, Lindsey Graham.

**Called to order:** Keith called meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

**Minutes Review:** Nick motioned to approve the November 2025 minutes, Mandy seconded, minutes approved.

**Correspondence:** None

**Financials:** Nick mentioned we have reached the county budget cap for metal mines. Everything will be charged to JLDC Ops going forward. Keith motioned to approve the financials as presented, Mandy seconded, financials approved.

**New Business:** Sam has rented out the Whitetail Center, with the tenants hoping to move in in February.

**Old Business:**

Project Updates: The CDBG grant has been postponed, the next meeting is February 5th.

Piedmont Wetlands Project: Barrick has asked that JLDC be the key coordinator on this project. There is a meeting next Thursday the 29th at 1pm at the Whitetail Center.

Sunlight Business Park: Sam ordered a new sign for the park with updated information. The water rights for the well should be sorted out soon. Kory will be helping with the water at the park.

Events & Collaboration: Sam has been working with Valley Bank to host a financial fitness class. Headwaters board is looking for an extra board member. Financial Fitness class is on the last Thursday of the month from 12pm-1pm. Skijoring is up for discussion due to the weather and lack of snow. Clancy Days planning has already started.

RDBG Resolution: Waiting for them to announce that the grant is open. Will need 3 businesses to write letters of support, then submit and wait.

Strategic Planning: New website is up and running. The one-year marketing strategy began on January 1st with Golden Shovel. Sam stated it is going well.

Membership: Working on sending out membership renewals and getting new members.

Subcommittee Activities: No activity to discuss on current subcommittees. Discussion was had on forming a new subcommittee and Michael would be willing to join the new committee for the new warehouse versus buying the county warehouse.

HubZone Status: Keith reported that as of right now, it's under review, by this summer the application package should be complete. Would like to schedule a meeting in the next few weeks.

Cottage Five: Leah stated that she is going forward with the grant for cleanup and should be able to submit it soon.

**Jefferson County/Events**: Skijoring is pending. Fair board meeting is next month on the 4th of February. County is moving forward with the acquisition of the medical clinic in Boulder.

**Public comment**: The new water treatment plant in Whitehall kicked off yesterday.

**Adjournment:** Keith adjourned the meeting at 2:06 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be held at the Whitetail Center in Whitehall on 02/18/26 at 1 pm.