Jefferson Local Development Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting

February 18th, 2026

Volunteer Hall, Boulder, MT

Attendance –

Board Members in Person: Bruce Binkowski, Nick Hensleigh, Mandy Haller, Cory Kirsch, and Kory Klapan.

Board Members Online: Michael Seipp, Clint Smith and Ashley Lucas.

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

Guest: Online –Lindsey Graham.

Proxy: Nick has Keith Foleys proxy.

Called to order: Sam called meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Minutes Review: Michael motioned to approve the October 2025 and January 2026 minutes, Mandy seconded, minutes approved.

Correspondence: None

New Business: Erin will be taking 12 weeks off for maternity leave starting in June. JLDC will put out ads online and in the paper to hire for a temp position at $16/hour.

Old Business:

Project Updates: Sam had a meeting this morning about the CDBG grant, hoping to break ground soon. The open area at the Whitetail Center has been rented out and the new tenants plan to move in March 1st. Sam has been working with the department of war in Townsend. Tizer Gardens is moving forward. Leah got the EPA Brownsfield grant in, next she will be putting in a grant for renovations. A feasibility study was done for the Piedmont Wetlands project, and it is moving forward.

Events & Collaboration: Sam has been working with Valley Bank to host a financial fitness class which starts this month at the Whitetail Center from 12pm-1pm. Ash Grove meeting will be at the end of March. Planning for Clancy Days has already started.

Membership: Working on membership, have received a decent number of renewals, and will be sending out a second round of renewal notifications soon.

Subcommittee Activities: Sam has been working on the SBPTA bylaws.

HubZone Status: No update.

Sunlight Business Park Update: A new sign has been ordered, and the water rights have been filed.

Jefferson County/Events: Still working on the health clinic building. Seven out of the eleven elected officials in the County are up for reelection this year. Skijoring went well; the Fair and Rodeo moved their dates back a week.

Public comment: The Clancy Community Center will be starting a transition for the facility to go back to the school.

Adjournment: Sam adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be held at the Whitetail Center in Whitehall on 03/18/26 at 1 pm.

*Sam will speak to Chuck about a tour of the Mine before or after next months meeting.