Jefferson Local Development Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting

November 19th, 2025

Volunteer Hall, Boulder, MT

Attendance –

Board Members in Person: Keith Foley, Mandy Haller, Bruce Binkowski, Kory Klapan.

Board Members Online: Cory Kirsch, Nick Hensleigh.

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

Guest: Wes Feist, online –LaDana Hintz

Called to order: Keith called meeting to order at 1:00 pm Introductions were made.

Minutes Review: Keith made a motion to table the approval of the October minutes to next month, Mandy seconded, motion passed.

Correspondence: Audit – Pat presented the 2025 draft audit report, including the financial statements and footnotes. Keith made a motion to approve the audit pursuant to pending the address and phone number changes, Bruce seconded, motion passed.

Project Updates:

The CDBG grant with the YBGR will break ground next month, board members are encouraged to attend. Received a grant that JLDC will be administering for Clancy Days, Leah got a grant for Skijoring, the Clancy Gym received a grant that Leah helped with. New website is live. Sam has been working with a potential new owner for Montana City Gas Station, which would be great for the north end of the county. Sam and Kory worked with MT rural water to try and finalize the discharge wastewater permit that was found to have inaccuracies in it.

Piedmont Wetlands Project – Have allocated some funds to help with this, have started a feasibility study, hoping to break ground by next summer.

Events & Collaboration – Some JLDC board members and staff attended the WLC Cowboy Christmas Dinner to show our support. Sam has been working with Valley Bank and will start hosting classes and workshops around the County. Tim Blake joined as a 2026 member.

Strategic Planning – Last part of the plan was to launch the website which has been completed. Next, we will start marketing, Golden Shovel is contracted for one year to help with marketing.

Membership – Membership for the 2025 was our best year yet.

Subcommittee Activities – No new updates

HubZone Status: Keith met with Marta B. this week to discuss the hubzone which has been delayed due to the government shutdown.

Sunlight Business Park: Keith spoke with Tim Blake this week, and he is pushing forward on hydrogen, partners, and investors. Keith set him up with some meetings with investors to discuss further about support that he may need.

Jefferson County/Events – Have not heard any updates on the women's prison, looking at the Boulder Medical Clinic being given to the County for the health department. Skijoring is scheduled for January 31st & February 1st.

Public comment – Wes Feist introduced himself and his position as the new Community Relations Manager with NorthWestern Energy. Will be hosting a wildfire summit in May of next year in Butte.

Adjournment: Keith adjourned the meeting at 2:02 pm.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be held at the Whitetail Center in Whitehall on 12/17/25 at 1 pm.