

Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee

.09 Minutes

March 8th, 2024/ Start 8:30 am

Economic Alliance Boardroom

Present: Luke Moerke, Kelly Smith-Johnston, Lindsey Pollock, Fred Morton, Kyle Markstrom, Shawn O'Neil

Absent: Paul Ericson, Kirk Vigre, Tom Nicholas

Alliance: Richard DeBolt, Todd Chaput, Dolly Tardiff

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Motion for approval- Kyle M

2nd- Shawn

All approved

Updated Policies and Procedures- The policies & procedures were updated in several areas including criteria, reimbursement forms, project status, and the appointments. This will assist with improving reporting, transparency, and cash flow. They were approved by the prosecutor's office and commissioners. Commissioner Pollock thanked us for updating the reporting and applications documents.

Updated application process- We will now have 2 applications within one: One application for \$250,000 and below which will be a mini application (3 pages), and a long version application with supporting documents for over \$250,000 and up to 1 million, and acceptations for applications over 1 million.

Review of .09 funds balance- Todd reviewed the balance and discussion was had by all. The balance available is \$1,856,994.00 and the obligation to Centralia is \$800,093 to be subtracted out of that balance. Discussion was had to create a usable spreadsheet showing funds received and funds paid out. The county has two separate financial documents that don't show the merged information, so by having this new document it will be easier to see the data.

CEDS Report-

Todd reviewed the CEDS Project List and showed the updates to the list. The updates were made to make it easier to decipher each project by showing how much each one has spent and what is available per project. Todd will send out the final form to Fred so he can get the document for the east end completed and turned in. We are waiting on final reporting from PeEll as well.

Review of Application- The application is from the Economic Alliance of Lewis County for Operations and Implementations to run the .09 Program. Richard gave an update as to what services & programs the Alliance provides within the county, such as the nine new companies that we have in the pipeline looking to come to the area, business retention & recruitment, Working with Department of Commerce, ADO reporting, EDC coordinated Efforts, Grants, Infrastructure, Small Business Assistance, Events-Seminars-Forums for community members, SCUD, and partnerships with the Ports & Cities, etc.

Application Amounts & Approvals- Discussion was had by all regarding the Economic Alliance application request.

A motion was made by: Kyle M to approve the request of \$175,000 Annually for 2 years, totaling \$350,000 to the Economic Alliance of Lewis County.

2nd by: Fred M.

All Approved

Good of the Order-

Adjournment- 9:28 am

Motion to Adjourn- Kyle M

2nd- Shawn