

Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee
Minutes
March 10th, 2023 @ 8:30am
Economic Alliance Boardroom

Present: Stuart Cavness, Paul Ericson, Kelly Smith-Johnston, Buck Hubbert, Sean Swope, Fred Morton, Kyle Markstrom, Richard DeBolt, Todd Chaput, Dolly Tardiff

Absent: Luke Moerke, Shawn O'Neil & Bob Spahr

Presenters: Rob Hill, Kim Ashmore, Patti Page, Lindsey Senter & Bill Teitzel

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Motion for approval- Paul Ericson

2nd- Fred Morton

All approved

Review of .09 funds balance-

Todd reviewed the balance and discussion was had by all. The balance available is \$1,262,184.80 of unencumbered funds. It was also decided unanimously by all to leave a \$100,000 balance in our fund in case of emergency.

CEDS Report-

Todd went over CEDS and made it clear it is not related to .09.

Application Updates- The application has changes in the following areas: If request is under \$200,000 it can be the short form version of the application and if over \$200,000 it will require full reporting.

Review of Applications-

Discussion was about each application by all. It was noted to change the error from The Port of Centralia- Port Rail Infrastructure Improvement to Port of Chehalis- Port Rail Infrastructure Improvement.

Application Amounts & Approvals-

Port of Chehalis- \$340,000 for Port Rail Improvements for replacement of 393 cross ties, switch replacement, rehabilitation of 600 feet of rail infrastructure known as the 'Chase Road Spur', addition of quarry spall armament along a 300-foot section of rail, trestle crossing needs stringers and caps replaced, and other miscellaneous maintenance items. Lindsey Senter and Bill Teitzel presented on the improvements listed above. A motion was made to approve by Kyle Markstrom, 2nd by Sean Swope. All approved.

City Of Centralia- 1,600,093.85 for Alder Street Improvements which include lighting, curbing, gutters, drains, sidewalks, paving and roadway stormwater treatment for the full length of Alder. Kim Ashmore presented on the improvements listed above. Discussion was had by all. A motion was made to approve half of the amount \$800,000 in 2023 and the remainder balance in 2024 as funds are available by Kyle Markstrom, 2nd by Sean Swope. All Approved.

City of Toledo- \$200,000 for Park Kitchen/Pavilion Improvements that include: Hiring a structural engineer, stabilizing and rehabilitating the existing kitchen structure, install cameras to prevent ongoing vandalism, and additional improvements to the park and existing structures. Estimated completion would be available upon the engineer's findings and the construction company's schedule. Their goal is summer of 2023 or at the latest the end of 2023. Discussion was had by all, and it was unanimously decided not to fund this request as it is not economic development.

Sound Wood Products, Inc- \$1,375,000 to build the Glulam Beam Manufacturing/Production Line in the Port of Chehalis. The country has a shortage of glulam beam production capacity, their products are sold throughout the west and would also enhance several other Port of Chehalis manufacturing businesses. Discussion was had by all, and it was unanimously decided not to fund this request due to them being an independent company which does not qualify them for .09 funds. The Alliance will reach out to them regarding a manufacturer grant that is available.

Good of the Order-

The full .09 committee agreed that if the Commissioners didn't agree with the proposed plan for funding that they please kicked back to the .09 Committee for reconsideration.

Adjournment-

9:34 am-Motion to Adjourn- Stuart Cavness

2nd- Kelly Smith -Johnston

All approved