

Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee
Minutes
June 9th, 2023/ Start 8:34 am
Economic Alliance Boardroom

Present: Luke Moerke, Paul Ericson, Kelly Smith-Johnston, Sean Swope, Fred Morton, Kyle Markstrom, Bob Spahr, Richard DeBolt, Todd Chaput, Dolly Tardiff

Absent: Shawn O'Neil & Buck Hubbert

Presenters: Lonnie Willey

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Motion for approval- Bob S

2nd- Paul

All approved

Updated Policies and Procedures- The policies & procedures were update on June 6, 2023. They were forwarded to the prosecutor's office and to the commissioners for changes & final approval.

Review of .09 funds balance- Todd reviewed the balance and discussion was had by all. The balance available is \$399,000. We had unused funds from several projects that were returned for use.

Updated application process- We will now have 2 applications: One application for \$250,000 and below which will be a mini application (3 pages), and a long version application for over \$250,000 and up to 1 million, and acceptations for applications over 1 million. The applications are still at the prosecutor's office for review.

*It was also stated that the .09 committee will have an application process to be on the committee, with the appointed positions staying as they are.

CEDS Report-

Todd went over the CEDS Project List and explained how the list presents information. He added that he will look into past projects that haven't used the funds awarded and get those funds returned/freed up. The LC Public Works has a project from 2019 that is on this list for \$140,000. Todd will arrange the list to make it easier to decipher how much each project has spent and what is available per project.

Review of Application- Pe Ell: Chehalis River Access Intake/Lonnie Willey

Lonnie presented funding for the Lester Creek Walkway Project. In order for the Water System Personnel to access Lester Creek Dam they must traverse a narrow bench along the rock headwall the last 350 feet from the newly built road. This narrow bench provides access to the raw water transmission main. This is extremely dangerous for personnel to navigate through. The proposal is to put in a 3-foot walkway on this narrow rock wall for safety of personnel.

In addition to the walkway project, they are in need of replacing the water intake from the river which is the backup water source for Pe Ell. The intake is a bull nosed screen installed in the river that is connected to two submersible turbine pumps installed in a wet well structure on the riverbank. Raw water is pumped from the riverbank wet well through a transmission line to the water treatment plant. The intake is not submerged due to low water levels and the screen is damaged from impacts from logs and boulders. This backup raw water source for the town of Pe Ell is currently unusable and need attention immediately.

Application Amounts & Approvals- Discussion was had by all regarding the Pe Ell application request and the immediate need for funding.

A motion was made by: Kyle M to approve the request of \$300,000 to Pe Ell.

2nd by: Bob S.

All Approved

Good of the Order-

The .09 Committee will review the newly approved application at the 4th Quarter meeting and also discuss prior projects and their status.

Adjournment-

9:52 am-Motion to Adjourn- Sean Swope

2nd- Kelly Smith-Johnson

All approved