

Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee
.09 Minutes Draft
June 7th, 2024/ Start 8:26 am
Economic Alliance Boardroom

Present: Lindsey Pollock, Fred Morton, Kyle Markstrom, Kirk Vigre, Tom Nicholas, Cameron McGee, Bob Spahr, Stuart Cavness

Absent: Paul Ericson, Shawn O'Neil, Luke Moerke, Kelly Smith-Johnston

Guests presenting: Bob Mohrbacher, Rob Cox- Centralia College
Bryan Morris, Rachelle Denham & Terry Lopez – City of Napavine

Alliance: Richard DeBolt, Todd Chaput, Dolly Tardiff

Call to order: Stuart Cavness

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Motion for approval- Kyle M

2nd- Bob S.

All approved

Review updated or revised reporting- We had no new reporting for prior funded projects. We have an updated .09 contract with the county which has been approved by the Commissioners. We will be using a templet now for better reporting with the County and the ADO, which will make reporting more transparent.

Review of .09 funds balance- Todd reviewed the balance. The balance available is \$881,000. The prior obligation for Centralia funding was \$800,093 and also the Economic Alliance funding for \$350,000 over 2 years has already been removed from this balance. Historically, we start with 2 million and receive funds monthly, but we keep them in reserves. Discussion was had by all about using .09 funds as matching funds which was decided that it could be.

CEDS List Report: Todd gave an update on the CEDS document, we had a change of adding in additional flood mitigation, this was approved by the commissioners. In the future we will not have .09 funds pass through the Economic Alliance.

Review of Applications- We have two applications to review. The first application is from Centralia College for new permanent bleachers at the Bob Peters Field and the ask is \$386,000 and the second is from The City of Napavine for the Jefferson Pump Station for \$400,000. Each organization gave a presentation about their ask of .09 funds, with supporting materials.

Application Amounts & Approvals- Discussion was had by all regarding the application requests.

*Regarding the City of Napavine's request for funding for the Jefferson Pump Station, it will open up huge growth and a lot of opportunity to the area. Napavine is in the process of securing additional funding to meet the total project cost from REET, LOCAL loan from the State, and the 408 Wastewater System Improvement Fund. It makes sense to fund this request.

A motion was made by: Lindsey P. **"To Approve"** the request of \$400,000 for City of Napavine.

2nd by: Kyle M.

All Approved

*Regarding the Centralia College request for funding for new bleachers for the Bob Peters Field, it was discussed at length as to whether this project was a good fit for .09 funds. After much discussion it was decided that it was not a good fit for funding.

A motion was made by: Kyle M. to **"Not Approve"** the request from Centralia College for the new Bleachers at Bob Peters Field.

2nd by: Cameron M.

All Approved.

Good of the Order- None

Adjournment- Stuart C. called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn- Lindsey P.

2nd- Kyle M.

9:28 am