

Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee

.09 Minutes

June 5th, 2026/ Start 8:30 am

Economic Alliance Boardroom

**Present:** Stuart Cavness, Lindsey Pollock, Kirk Vigre, Paul Ericson, Kelly Smith-Johnston, Victoria Marincin, Fred Morton- via zoom

**Alliance Staff:** Todd Chaput & Dolly Tardiff

**Applications from:**

- City of Winlock/Engineering fill of Old Hostel Parking lot/ Robert Webster & Lori Crabtree/ Asking \$250,000
- Economic Alliance of Lewis County/ Industrial Drive Rail Spur/ Todd Chaput / Asking \$250,000
- Economic Alliance of Lewis County/Implementation of Economic Development Initiatives/Todd Chaput/ Asking \$175,000 a year for 2 years- totaling \$350,000

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**Call to order @ 8:31 am:** Stuart Cavness

**Approval of previous meeting minutes:**

**Motion-Paul**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Lindsey**

**Motion approved.**

**Website update-Meeting Agenda & Minutes-** The .09 agenda and minutes are posted on the Economic Alliance of Lewis County's website, and it is up to date.

**Review of .09 funds balance-** Todd reviewed the .09 balance and our current balance is \$4,418,511.36.

**CEDS List Report/Updates - Todd Chaput-** The CEDS is up on the website. Todd asked for a change of date for the September .09 meeting, discussion was had and the new date will be September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Application Discussion, Amounts & Approvals-**

**\*City of Winlock/Engineering fill of Old Hostel Parking lot/ Asking \$250,000**

Discussion was had by all regarding this application, it was brought up by Paul that in lieu of having the landscaped area and a bench added to the parking lot, he suggested to add additional parking spaces beyond the 15-20 spaces, since parking is such an issue in Winlock. Victoria liked that idea as well, adding that the plans were drawn up quickly and can be adjusted. The project funding and planning will take place in 2026 with total competition in 2027. The City of Winlock will use \$67,000 towards this project.

**Motion to approve: Paul**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Kelly**

**Motion approved**

**(Victoria Marincin- abstained)**

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**\*Economic Alliance of Lewis County/ Rail Spur/ Asking \$250,000**

Discussion was had by all regarding this application; this rail spur would be 736 feet in length, would assist Norplex in unloading and loading product, be a benefit to the community on future growth, minimize congestion and the rail spur would be able to be extended out further in the future. Norplex is a privately owned business, and .09 funds are not intended to be used for private businesses.

**Motion to approve: No motion was made and no action was taken.**

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**\* Economic Alliance of Lewis County/Economic Development Implementation of Economic Development Initiatives / Asking \$175,000 per year for 2 years – totaling \$350,000**

Todd gave an update on how the Alliance handles the implementation of the economic development initiatives. The .09 committee meets quarterly here at the Alliance, we review the submitted applications, listen to each presentation, have discussion about each application, votes are then taken to approve or deny each application, the approved applications are then sent to the county commissioners for final approval. We keep all .09 information updated on our website: CEDS, .09 applications, meeting schedules, project budget sheets, status reports, etc. We follow state guidelines regarding .09 distressed funds as well as partner with the county, cities and towns. Todd said he could present to the commissioners in their exec meeting with Jonathan Meyer present and give them an update.

**Motion to approve: Victoria Marincin**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul**

**Motion approved**

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**Adjourned: 9:41 am**