

Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee

.09 Minutes **DRAFT**

Sept 4th, 2026/ Start 8:30 am

Economic Alliance Boardroom

Present: Stuart Cavness (Zoom), Fred Morton (Zoom), Lindsey Pollock, Kirk Vigre, Paul Ericson, Shane Wood, Kelly Smith-Johnston, Victoria Marincin,

Alliance Staff: Todd Chaput & Dolly Tardiff, Eric (tech asst.)

Applications from:

- City of Winlock/City Hall-Land Purchase-Stormwater project/ Asking \$2.571 million
- City of Chehalis/ NW West Street- Stormwater & Railroad Stabilization Project/ Asking up to \$450,000

Call to order @ 8:42 am: Stuart Cavness

Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Motion-Lindsey

2nd – Paul

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 \$3,993,511.36. We have been fiscally responsible with spending these funds on projects.

CEDS List Report/Updates - Todd Chaput- The CEDS is up on the website, and copies were passed around during the meeting.

Application Discussion, Amounts & Approvals-

***City of Chehalis/NW West Street Stormwater & Railroad Stabilization Project- Asking \$450,000-Original ask for \$250,000. Ask verbally updated during presentation to the increased level to \$450,000.**

Presenters Lance Bunker & Sheena Woods gave a lengthy presentation on the urgency of a 6 foot x 5 foot sinkhole that appeared 2 weeks ago near the railroad tracks near NW West Street, a temporary fix is in place, and it is stabilized, but it will not last long with the rainy season upon us. This was caused by a city clay pipe that eroded and failed over time which caused this sinkhole. They have two options for repairs: one being a structural rehabilitation of the existing stormwater pipe using CIPP lining and the other is boring a new pipe. For longevity purposes the boring of a new pipe would be the best option. Burlington Northern has been good to work with during this event in assisting with permitting and railroad flaggers. Discussion was had by all, and it was decided to move forward and vote on this project.

Motion to approve/\$450,000: Paul

2nd: Kirk

Motion approved

***City of Winlock/City Hall- Land Purchase/Stormwater Project - Asking \$2.571 million**

Presenters from the City of Winlock Robert Webster & Lilly gave a complete presentation to purchase 16 acres of hilltop for a new city hall and municipal campus. This project also includes addressing the stormwater runoff impacting downhill businesses and homes by installing drainage infrastructure tied to the existing stormwater system. Water and sewer would be extended toward Canyon Road supporting future development along Cemetery Road. This project has 3 phases: Phase #1, \$689,000 for land purchase, engineering & construction. Phase #2, \$980,000 for City Hall Building & water improvements. Phase #3, \$901,600 for water, sewer and roadway improvements. Lengthy discussion was had by the .09 committee, a question was asked about matching funds or additional funding available, they said they had none.

Motion to approve/ Full funding of \$2.571 million: Paul

2nd: Lindsey

Motion approved

(Victoria Marincin- abstained)

Adjourned: 10:04 am