

Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee
Minutes
March 13, 2020, @ 8:30am
Lewis EDC Conference Room

8:30 A.M.: call to order by Dan Rich

Committee Members Present: Dan Rich, EDC Chair; Dan Mortenson, City of Morton Mayor; Sue Luond, City of Centralia Mayor; Mark Anders, Port of Chehalis Commissioner; Dan Keahey, Port of Centralia

Others Present: Randy Mueller, Todd Chapput, Tom Bradley, Paul Ericson, Lexi

Staff Present: Matt Matayoshi, Lewis EDC; Marrienne Schumacher, Lewis EDC

New Business:

8:30 A.M.: Dan Mortensen made a motion to approve minutes from the September 13, 2019 meeting. Edna Fund provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

8:35 A.M.: Matt Matayoshi provided an update of the policies for .09. Matt will send the updated revised policy to committee members.

8:40 A.M.: Lexi (public works) presented the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District application for the grant request amount of \$750,000. Funds will be for engineering and keeping the project moving forward until federal funding for the project comes through. Edna Fund stated that legislators have stated that they want to see support from the local community of match funds. Moving forward would focus on further refining the proposed action for the environmental and biological assessment and subsequent permitting applications. A letter was received from Senator Braun showing support of the application. Dan Keahey asked if the \$750,000 was open ended. Matt stated that there is a sunset date in the .09 policy. Matt stated that this is a business retention project and without this we suffer in economic growth.

8:45 A.M.: Dan Keahey made a motion to approve the application and .09 grant of \$750,000.00 for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Control Zone District Application payable within 18 months. Mark Anders added to the motion that the invoices would be reimbursed through the county and provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

8:50 A.M.: Matt presented the Lewis County Economic Development application for the grant request amount of \$165,000.00 over two years. Matt stated that the Economic Development Council is designated as an associate development organization. A little over a 1/3 of the EDC funding comes from the County. Other local contracts as well as EDC memberships provide

additional funds for operations and organization expenses. Matt provided committee members with the EDC marketing plan.

9:00 A.M.: Mark Anders made a motion to approve the application and .09 grant of \$165,000.00 a year for two years, for a total of \$330,000 for the Economic Development Council. Edna Fund provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

9:05 A.M.: Todd Chapput presented the Lewis County Public Facilities Departments .09 application and grant request for the amount of \$300,000.00. The funds would help increase the expansion of the Sports Hub. Todd stated the expansions will make us unique to the region. The match provided by the PFD is \$1.96 million. For smaller communities, this is a big part of the revenue coming into the community. This is a public facility which falls within the .09 guidelines. Dan Rich stated that this application is for a facility with a return on investment. This is not going to an event but to a facility and is well within .09 guidelines. Randy Mueller stated that this is not a tourism project. This is a public facilities project.

9:10 A.M.: Dan Mortenson made a motion to approve the application and .09 grant request of \$300,000.00 for the Lewis County Public Facilities Departments Sports Hub Expansion. Mark Anders provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

9:15 A.M.: Chehalis River Basin Flood Control District #1 application and grant request in the amount of \$156,000.00 was presented by Randy Mueller. Rick Rouse and Paul Ericson provided background and an explanation of the intent for the funds. Paul Ericson stated that employees cannot get to work when streets are flooded, and local businesses have to close. Randy stated that these issues affect that whole area, not only the businesses, as roads close and prohibit access to other businesses in the area. Deliveries cannot get through. Rick stated, "we met with J. Vander Stoep to come up with a match. We will strongly advocate for funds in the next biennium. If the Flood Authority will approve 90% then the .09 grant will provide the 10% local match.

9:25 A.M.: Dan Mortenson made a motion to approve the \$156,000.00 grant request contingent on the approval of 90% from the Flood Authority. Edna Fund provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

9:30 A.M.: Meeting Adjourned