

Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee
Minutes
September 11, 2020 @ 8:30am
Holiday Inn Express

8:40 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; Buck Hubbert, Industrial Commission; Dennis Dawes, City of Chehalis Mayor; Edna Fund, Lewis County Commissioner

Others Present: William Painter, P.U.D. Public Affairs Manager; Bob Guenther, Lewis EDC Board Member; Jeramy Allman, City of Winlock

Staff Present: Eric Sonnenberg, Lewis EDC; Marrienne Schumacher, Lewis EDC

New Business:

8:45 A.M.: Dennis Dawes made a motion to approve minutes from the March 13, 2020 meeting. Edna Fund provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

8:45 A.M.: Dan Rich announced Matt Matayoshi's recent resignation as EDC Executive Director

8:50 A.M.: Dan Rich presented the Lewis County P.U.D. #1 Engineering Analysis & Report to Support Winlock Industrial Park and Surrounding Area application for the grant request amount of \$1750,000. William Painter provided details of the application. He stated that in order to attract businesses we need infrastructure in place. PUD has identified funding opportunities through EDA for building a substation. These funds require the applicant to submit a preliminary Engineering Report for funding consideration.

Dan Rich presented additional letters of support for the project from the community to committee members.

Buck Hubbert asked when the study would begin. William stated that the EDA application needs to be submitted as soon as possible as EDA funds are potentially being reallocated that were not previously used from other awards.

9:05 A.M.: Edna Fund made a motion to approve the Lewis County P.U.D. #1 grant application for .09 funds of \$175,000 for the Lewis County P.U.D. #1 Engineering Analysis & Report to Support Winlock Industrial Park and Surrounding Area. Buck Hubbert provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

9:10 A.M.: Dan Rich presented the City of Winlock .09 application for Winlock Industrial Park Sewer Extension in the amount of \$1.7 million. Jeremy Allman, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Winlock, stated that the funds will push the Industrial Park movement forward with the infrastructure in place. The Sewer extension currently reaches 7100 ft. The extension will extend sewer from 505 to the Industrial Park.

Dan Rich stated that Erik Martin will be heading the project and is the contact for future questions. Dan Mortenson asked if the \$1.7 million will be a one-time payment or if it will be dispersed in stages. Edna Fund stated that the funds are typically dispersed in stages. Dan Rich stated that he would recommend that the award be issued in stages and reimbursement would go through the EDC after invoices are submitted and then sent to the county.

9: 25 A.M.: Mark Anders made a motion to approve the application and .09 grant of \$1.7 million. Sue Luond provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

9:30 A.M.: Meeting Adjourned