

Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee
Minutes
September 13, 2019, @ 8:30am
Lewis EDC Conference Room

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

Committee Members Present: Dan Rich, EDC Chair; Dennis Dawes, City of Chehalis Mayor; Dan Mortenson, City of Morton Mayor; Lee Coumbs, City of Centralia Mayor; Mark Ander, Port of Chehalis Commissioner

Others 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 June 14, 2019 meeting. Mark Anders provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8:35 A.M.: Matt Matayoshi provided an update of the policies for loan and grant limits under .09 funds.

The current policy was adopted by the county in 2013. Ultimately, the county commissioners set the policy. Matt met with the county commissioners regarding the update of policy language of funds of grant funds from \$200,000 to \$350,000. He also proposed to adjust loan amounts to \$350,000.

Dan Mortenson stated that the purpose of the funds is to spur economic development. He asked the question of why there are varying interest rates between different projects and stated that the interest should be equal for each applicant. Matt stated that the rate is recommended by the committee at the time the application is considered, and the County Commissioners ultimately determine the interest rate.

Dennis Dawes made a motion that a recommendation to the county commissioners be made that all approved .09 fund loans have a 0% interest rate. Dan Mortenson provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dennis noted that further policy language updates are needed in attachment A. the section addressing membership of the advisory committee. Matt stated that he would make the necessary changes.

Dan Rich asked that a list of policy changes for future reference be kept.

8:45 A.M.: Matt presented the Lewis County Public Works application for the grant request amount of \$170,000.00. The grant is for project design of North Lewis County Industrial Access.

This project will position the community to plan for the \$50.5 million allocated by the Legislature that is coming available in 2025.

Dan Mortenson stated that we need to support this project so that the funds are not re-appropriated in 2025. Edna Fund provided Dan Mortenson her approval of the project and approval of the .09 fund grant of \$170,000.00. Mark Anders stated that these funds are necessary to lead to the development at IPAT.

Dennis Dawes made a motion to approve the application and .09 grant of \$170,000.00 for the North Lewis County Industrial Access project. Pete Lahmann provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

9:00 A.M.: Dan Rich asked the committee if there were any applications in the pipeline. Dan Mortenson stated that there is a property in Morton that is just coming up for sale. The property is 38 acres for \$550,000.00 and already has water and sewer. Dan would like to purchase the property for an industrial park in Morton.

9:10 A.M.: Meeting Adjourned