

Rural Economic Development Public Facilities Advisory Committee
Minutes
June 11, 2021 @ 8:30am
Lewis EDC Boardroom

8:30 AM: Meeting was called to order by Richard DeBolt

Committee Members Present: Sue Luond, City of Centralia Mayor; Lindsey Pollock, Lewis County Commissioner; Mark Ander, Port of Chehalis Port Commissioner; Kyle Markstrom, Port of Centralia Executive Director; Brandon Svenson, City of Winlock Mayor

Staff Present: Richard DeBolt, Lewis EDC; Marrienne Schumacher, Lewis EDC

Visitors Present: Lee Grose

8:30 AM: Minutes from the March 12, 2021 meeting were presented. Mark Anders made a motion to approve the March 2021 minutes as presented. Brandon Svenson provided a second to the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimous.

8:35 AM: Richard DeBolt presented the .09 funds unencumbered funds document to the committee. The total obligated funds as of May 31, 2021 was 3,684,588.55 and the current unencumbered funds available amount is \$647,503.58.

8:40 AM: Richard DeBolt presented the updated City of Vader .09 application. He stated that due to the rules regarding the distribution of funds, the City of Vader cannot receive funds directly from the county. The City of Vader application was revised to state that the funds would be a pass through from the county to the Lewis EDC and then to the City of Vader as a reimbursement.

Mark Anders made a motion to approve the \$20,000.00 grant for the City of Vader Urban Designs Standards project. Brandon Svenson provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

New Business:

8:45 AM: Lee Grose presented the application from the East Lewis County Public Development Association for a grant in the amount of \$275,053 for the Populate Brewing Tenant Improvement Project. Lee stated that Richard DeBolt was able to work a great deal for a buyout on the railroad spur and as a result, the request for grant funds being asked for in the .09 application are decreased from \$275,053 to \$135,000.00.

Brandon Svenson asked about the timeline for the development of the building. Lee Grose provided feedback and referred to the application for the timeline. Lindsey Pollock asked about what the particular use of funds would be according to the budget

provided. Lee Grose stated that the funding would be used for the improvement of the building and referred again to the budget portion of the application. Committee discussion followed. Mark Anders stated that many of the improvements being proposed by .09 grant funds will support a variety of businesses to occupy space in the future. Sue Luond stated that she is in favor as the improvements will support any further business that occupies the space. Richard stated that Packwood has other sewer and water projects that are going to further support growth in the Packwood Community.

Mark Anders made a motion to approve the \$135,000 grant for the Populate Brewing Tenant project to bring the building up to marketable status. Kyle Markstrom provided a second to the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

9:10 AM: Brandon Svenson stated that with the use of the .09 funds the sewer project in Winlock is 70% completed.

9:15 AM: Meeting Adjourned