MINUTES OF THE LINCOLN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

November 5, 2018, 10AM, Planning Office, Afton

Board Attendees: Bob King, DeLand Lainhart, Jeremy Larsen, Merridee Matson and Kent Connelly, Jerry Harmon. Also attending were Stephanie Raver and John Woodward. Attending by video conference in Kemmerer was Amy Butler, Andrew, Ellen Potter.

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10AM. He asked that John Woodward discuss updates from Planning and Engineering.

Planning and Engineering. John discussed the 7.5 acres of land in front of the storage units in Alpine (across from WYDOT). Plans are for it to be used for firewood manufacturing and eight double wides with six bedrooms each. The homes will be designated as single family housing and not workforce housing. Targhee Landing in Alpine will be expanding by 43 units. John expects that within the next two weeks, 99 building permits will have been issued in the County (exclusive of incorporated towns). He will be working on updating some of the Land Use and Development Codes.

Town Reports. Kent Connelly discuss the oil rig sights near Kemmerer. Conoco Philips is doing it. Also discussed were the 600 acres of solar farm south of Cokeville goin in in 2020. It is a $70-$80 million dollar project.

Afton. Battleson Brothers bought the building in Afton.

Alpine. Jeremy discussed grooming for fat bike. 900 CFS. The lake is at 45%.

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Kemmerer. Andrew discussed SLEDC joined with Uintah and have a targeted plan. They are pursuing industry sectors, looking for opportunities with focus on Fossil Butte, hunting and fishing. They have a contract with 20 Data Industry. Andrew also discussed SLED, saying Rocky Mountain Power is heavily invested in alternative energies in Lincoln County. They are going to expand their
alternative energy options. The next Summit meeting is planned for January 9, 2019.

Ellen Potter with the Kemmerer Diamondville Chamber discussed the quarterly workshops. A marketing company is coming to talk to businesses about tourism and marketing with Facebook. This is in February. They are doing Small Business Saturday on November 24, 2018. They rented the Senior Center for a community pancake breakfast. Their Chamber is up to almost 50 members. They are doing a community pride activity called Holiday Cheer.

Meridee with Star Valley Ranch Chamber discussed the new, enhanced website by SVI Media. It will be mobile friendly. They have 140 members.

Engineering. Amy Butler discussed the scenic backway. The consultants are working on it. They have not updated much. They are getting surveys completed in Kemmerer and Diamondville.

Old Business.

Funding for the Star Valley Chamber of Commerce third reading. Passed.

New Business. Wyoming Business Council has a Kick Start Grant. $1,000,000 is set aside. If you have something to market, need a patent, etc, you can apply online. Lincoln County doesn’t have as many applications. Teton, Laramie, and Albany have the most applications. The next round starts December 1, 2018. The go until they run out of money.
Commissioners’ Report. Westmoreland filed for bankruptcy. It is now up to a judge. It is running as usual. Jerry Harmon discussed the steady growth and finding help is an issue.

At 11:55AM a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The next LCED meeting will be held on November 5, 2018 in Afton.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Raver