LINCOLN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2018
10:00 AM
COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM, AFTON, WY

Board Attendees: Bob King, Jeremy Larsen, Merridee Matson, Kathleen Buyers and Joel Neuenschwander. Attending by video conference were Kent Connelly, Amy Butler, Elaina Zemple, Andrew Nelson and Ellen Potter.

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. He asked for approval of the agenda and minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Everyone voted affirmatively.

Financial Report

1. Stands the same.

Town Reports

1. Mayor Buyers
   a. $6 million in June for water upgrades.
   b. $2 million grant.
      i. The rest is a loan and loan forgiveness.
   d. Should finish in 2020 or 2021.
   e. Pretty big project.
   f. 16 new homes approved.
2. Mayor Neuenschwander
   a. Afton has a few annexation petitions
      i. The Kodiak.
      ii. Property up the highway from the golf course.
      iii. Meeting with them next Tuesday, August 14th.
      iv. It will be good to get the Kodiak annexed in.
      v. Merridee for Marti Halverson
         1. The stock dog show raised $5,800 for the 4H barn.
      vi. Thanks to the Commissioners for the help on the fair grounds and civic center.
         1. She will be a great asset to the town.
3. Jeremy Larsen
   a. Alpine has been really busy this summer.
   b. Gave consent to the Lakes development.
   c. There are some things going on with WBC with Melvin
      i. People from all over the world are searching for and going to Melvin.
   d. Car show is coming up.
   e. Bike gravel race is in 2 weeks.
      i. McCoy Creek, 60 mile and 110 mile, 58 people with 3 from Star Valley
      ii. Jackson Hole Cycling is sponsoring, 1st event here, no cost, no permitting fee

4. Andrew Nelson
   a. 6th penny, next meeting is August 23rd @ 6:00 PM in Kemmerer and video in Afton
   b. There is a Facebook page, please share it so that it's seen by the community.
   c. Each community is doing an outreach event.
      i. Booth at the community picnic, August 20th at 6:00 PM
      ii. Booth at the first home football game.
      iii. Boot at the fall festival.
      iv. Want to get out as much literature as possible.
   d. New interest in a splash pad.
      i. Won't be a priority until revenue increases.
   e. New retail development study going on.
   f. Music festival
      i. Had good solid numbers.
      ii. No final numbers yet.
   g. SLMC has new Urgent care that will be opening up in September.
   h. Tour de Wyoming
      i. They seemed to enjoy Kemmerer.
      ii. Thank you for the KUTV advertising. It hit at the perfect time for the festival.

Commissioners’ Report

1. Kent Connelly
   a. Greys River
      i. Hasn't seen a schedule on when they will redo that road.
   b. Conoco Phillips looking to start 1400-1500 wells in the next 4-5 years.
      i. Expect tax increases.
   c. It's fair time.
   d. It's election time.
   e. With 40% cuts in social services, it's there are challenges to keep them up.
   f. Passed the budget.

2. Bob King
   a. They have problems with the contractor for the Greys River road.
b. Has a call into them about Blind Bull. Waiting for call back.
c. Kent-snowmachine industry is falling through the cracks.
   i. It has a big impact on the county.
d. Music festival
   i. Good music
   ii. A lot of good food vendors
e. How is the funding for next year, Elaine?
   i. $40 million.

3. Kent Connelly
   a. Hamsfork fire is out.

Wyoming Business Council Report

1. Elaina
   a. Application deadlines are September 1st and December 1st.
   b. The only application right now is Melvin.

Planning and Engineering Report

1. Amy
   a. Conditional application on Alpine Lakes.
   b. Next meeting is August 29th.
   c. 8 1 acre lots.
   d. 106 townhomes.
   e. 95 RV casitas.
   f. No new updates on RV park in Alpine, behind Subway.

Old Business

1. Bob King
   a. Big Spring Backway
      i. Will be writing a check out of the checking account for this.
      ii. Motion on the third reading approved to fund.
   b. New funding
      i. Star Valley Chamber first reading
         1. Asking for $12,500 quarterly.
         2. Same request as in the past.
         3. Meridee will get an exact number on how much money businesses are contributing and what percentage is participating.
         4. A motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading.

New Business

1. Bob King
   a. JR Nield would like to bring a high school rodeo to Afton.
i. One is September.
ii. One in May.
   1. 2 days long.
iii. Fair board charges $600
    1. Asking to waive that fee.
iv. Will bring around 300 participants, plus families.

Kemmerer Chamber

1. Gaining new members all the time.
   a. 45 members.
2. Doing promotions.
3. Business After Hours.
   a. First one is October 1st.

11:00 a motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and approved.