LINCOLN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2019
10:00 AM
COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM, AFTON, WY

Board Attendees: Bob King, Kent Connelly, Jerry Harmon, Jeremy Larsen, Devon Simpson, Amy Butler, John Woodward, Glenda Young, Violet Sanderson, Sarah Hale.

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

Star Valley Chamber was not there to discuss matters.

Kemmerer Chamber was not there to discuss matters

Afton Chamber
1. Sarah Hale said the Shop at Home went well
   a. Over $100,000 were spent between November and December
   b. Many receipts were turned in in Afton and Thayne
      i. Only two receipts were turned in in Alpine
      ii. Will do something different next year for Alpine
2. Small Business Saturday had a lot of participants in Alpine
3. Star Valley Shootout had no funding from the LCED
   a. There were more JV teams this year
   b. Estimated that it brought $1.3 million into the community using an equation
   c. There were 65,000 devices hooked into SVI for this tournament
   d. Jerry Harmon said they sold 5 new vehicles during this tournament
   e. Sarah would like to maximize half time next year
   f. Comments were made regarding food being available there
      i. A possible idea is a food truck
      ii. Done by different groups as fund raisers?
4. The annual membership meeting is on February 23, 2019
   a. In Alpine at the Flying Saddle
   b. Doors open at 6:00 PM
   c. Dinner served at 6:30 PM
   d. Guest speaker at 7:00 PM
   e. Please RSVP by the end of January
5. The Legislature Review is in March and will possibly be at the Afton Civic Center
   a. They try to rotate between communities
6. There is a $40 million consensus block grant

Alpine
1. There was a lot of recreational traffic over the holidays
2. They were plowing the Greys River Road to the slide through the end of December
   a. Now they are grooming it
3. The Lake is going up
   a. They are grooming last year’s trails
4. Alpine’s Winter Jubilee is the first weekend in February
   a. Bing Night
   b. Casino Night
   c. Snow Sculptures
5. Ski Joring is the second weekend in February
   a. On the lake bed
6. SLIB meeting
   a. Jeremy is heading to Cheyenne Wednesday
   b. This is regarding the $2 million funding for the treatment plant
   c. Kent Connelly said there are 3 new SLIB members in Cheyenne
   d. Jerry and Bob will attend this meeting with Jeremy
7. They are working on the annexation of Weeman’s Corredore
8. They finished the annexation of the Broulim’s property
   a. They plan to break ground this spring and be operational by fall
9. The RV Park is asking for leniency with water hookups
10. The Hospital is getting the design work done
    a. The plan to start building this spring
11. The Sled Dog Races are January 26th
    a. It starts and ends at the trail head of the Greys

Thayne
1. Welcome Devon Simpson
2. New sushi restaurant is open
3. Maverick just opened
4. Water projects are 95% finished

Afton
1. Approved RV lots going in on 6th Ave
   a. This will move the ones on Washington St back
      i. Will start in the spring
2. Nervous to see what House Bill 66 does and how it will affect them
   a. 5% state lodging tax
3. They will be taking the lights on the arch down on February 26th
4. Is there a South Lincoln Economic Development group?
a. Bob King - There should be 1 group with 2 offices

Planning and Engineering
1. John Woodward explained they are preparing year end numbers
2. SVR went from 13-16 permits
3. It was a strong year, although jobs have not increased
4. 100 rentals were added in Alpine
5. Two or three family units are lined up
6. Dealing with the redevelopment of the Gestone, north of Etna
   a. 5 two bedroom units
   b. Will be renting to the Snake River Sporting Club
7. 24-plex affordable housing by KJ's will be accepting applications in April
8. There should be a few more applications

Diamondville was not there to discuss matters

Commissioner Report
1. Commissioner Connelly talked about Westmoreland
2. Rocky Mountain Power is shutting down all 4 units
   a. There are meeting the 24th and 25th in Utah for public input
   b. This will have a huge public impact
   c. They are not converting to natural gas. It will be idle
3. Westmoreland is continuing with their expansion
4. BLM workers are back to work during the shut down
5. Conoco Phillips is proceeding ahead with their project
6. We will see a rise in the oil and gas industry
7. There are 600 bills on file for the legislature
   a. The lodging tax is expected to make it
   b. 50% of taxes are paid by Rocky Mountain Power
8. Exxon Mobile Riley Ridge expansion is happening
   a. It is in Sublette County
   b. $1 billion project
9. Sales taxes are up in Lincoln County

Old Business
1. ORMF 2019 request for 2nd reading
   a. 25th anniversary
   b. Need the money for Advertising, Insurance, and bands
c. Sara Hale suggested they look into the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund
   i. They help fund any community festival in WY
   ii. The grant cycle begins in March and they fund in the fall
   iii. Any historical society, high school play, arts council
   iv. Anything that preserves the cultural history
   v. Kent text Mary Lively to let her know about this
   vi. A motion was made and seconded to approve the funding. Everyone voted affirmatively.

2. Tech School
   a. Jerry Harmon explained the education board lost funding
   b. The class of 63, headed by Ralph Call is committed to raising the $500,000
   c. They plan to break ground this spring
   d. It is not affiliated with UW
   e. There is interest from Idaho and Utah
   f. There is in doing a culinary arts program
   g. There is also talk about a hospitality program as well

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

The next LCED meeting will be on February 4, 2019 in Afton.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Raver