LINCOLN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2019
10:00 AM
COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM, AFTON, WY

Board Attendees: Bob King, Kent Connelly, Amy Butler, Violet Sanderson, Sarah Hale, Elaina Zemple, Megan Alexander, Kathy Buyers, John Woodward, Laura Pope, Shane Pope.

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

Old Business
1. ORMF 2019 request for 3rd reading
   a. There were not enough people present for a quorum at the last meeting
   b. A motion was made and seconded to approve the $10,000 funding
2. Bob King: No news on the tech school
   a. Will keep us up to date
3. The signatures required have gone to the AG’s office
   a. It was approved and is on its way back to us
   b. We will start the process again as others want to join
   c. Senator Dockstader: SB 111
      i. 4 year branch program at community colleges
      ii. Wyoming Works
         1. Cloud based certificate
         2. 7 college distribution
         3. Amazon Educates
         4. Employable certificate

New Business
1. Oregon Trails Association
   a. Requesting $1250
   b. It is a self guided auto-tour
   c. Megan Alexander: This falls in line with Fossil Basin’s goals
   d. Kathy Buyers: We are not a tourism board
      i. Sarah Hale: Requested to transfer the request to Fossil Basin
      ii. Fossil Basin has an application and application process they will need to go through
      iii. Bob King: will pass along this information to Dave Smith

Town Reports
1. Afton town report
   a. Had a few residential building permits
      i. Most of them are in Rock Bridge
b. New Signage going in
   i. Advantage 1st Credit Union submitted a new sign permit
      1. They are going in to the Wells Fargo building

c. Nield Ave construction will start when the snow is gone
   i. Replacing the line and then the highway department will put in a new road
   ii. The highway department wants the new line done by April 15th

d. A permit to reconstruct at the spring is in
   i. This will bring them in compliance with the EPA

2. Star Valley Ranch
   a. There are 974 buildable lots
   b. They have already approved 4 or 5 houses this year
   c. They are still in negotiations with the building
      i. It is not up to code as far as fire
   d. Two water projects
      i. $3 million water project
      ii. $6 million water project
         1. Bid date is March 19th
      iii. Took over the water system in 2007

3. Town of Cokeville
   a. Shane Pope: It’s been pretty quiet
   b. They will be resurfacing the airport
   c. Laura Pope: Working with Amy to put a new trail in
      i. They are making sure all entities are on the same page for applying for the grant
   d. They are a part of Main Street Wyoming
      i. Revitalization of downtown Cokeville
      ii. There will be a lot of projects going on
      iii. They interviewed in February
         1. Waiting for Cheyenne to send the official letter
     iv. They will be a part of the Best Practices Program
     v. They will be attending the National Main Street Conference in Washington

4. Kemmerer, Thayne, and Alpine had no representatives

Commissioners Report

1. Kent Connelly: Westmoreland and Rocky Mountain Power
   a. Working through the paperwork process now
   b. Ongoing negotiations
   c. They are working with Rocky Mountain Power
      i. Possibly a public service hearing in July
   d. The shutdown of #3 will have a big effect on LCSD
   e. This will impact the entire state

2. Conoco Phillips
   a. Moving forward
   b. 1400 wells in Lincoln County
i. Worth roughly $4 million per year in tax revenue
c. 2 experimental wells in south Lincoln County lay some optimism

3. Bob King: Challenge Workshop in Denver
   a. Put together a team of 7
   b. They only accept 10 teams
   c. It is for coal reliant communities in the west

Wyoming Business Council
1. Elaina Zemple: fared well during legislature
2. The Governor is doing something different
   a. He is vetoing any provision that creates a law through footnotes
   b. He vetoed 29
   c. Broadband funds of $3 million were brought into the business council
   d. It’s a lot different to not have to deal with these
   e. They are looking for duplication of services

3. Kick Start Program
   a. Most of the applications have come from Teton County
   b. Only one application from Lincoln County
   c. Many are from Albany and Sublette

4. Kent Connelly: Wyoming legislation approved $105 million block grant funding
   a. Senator Dockstader: WCCA will have input on that as well

Planning and Engineering Report
1. The proposed solar farm
   a. Did some research and tracked down who they are
      i. Fossil Solar
   b. East of Kemmerer
   c. Filed for interconnect
   d. Rocky Mountain Power has a hold on interconnects
   e. It is a 600 acre proposal

2. It looks to be a busy building year
   a. Especially in Alpine

3. Big Springs Backway
   a. Amy Butler: They have the preliminary draft
      i. Preliminary cost estimates
   b. It goes from the walking trail at the Lion’s Club to Cokeville
   c. It will have pavilions and restrooms
   d. Bridge improvement at Big Springs
   e. They need public input
      i. They have a booth, near the door, at the health fair in Kemmerer
      ii. Health Fair is March 30th
   f. The next step is to draft a plan of improvements
Afton Chamber

1. Summer Road Trippin’
   a. Sarah Hale: Fits well with ORMF
   b. It costs $7500
   c. They feature 5 spots
   d. Interested in events that are in July and August

2. Wyoming Office of Tourism Board
   a. They want to know about restaurants that you have to hike to
      i. Box Y
   b. They want to know about Instagram-able bars
   c. They want to know about speakeasies
      i. There are 3 speakeasies in Cokeville

3. Scenic Wonders outside of National Parks is coming together, thanks to Destry and Sarah Hale

4. Annual banquet on February 23rd had 57 people.
   b. Rod Jensen presented there
   c. The report is available on the Bank of Star Valley website

5. Play Unplugged will happen again
   d. Sign ups are coming around this month
   e. sarahhale@svinews.com

Kemmerer Chamber

1. Ellen was not able to make it

2. They are sponsoring a Pot of Gold promotion
   a. You look for pots of gold when shopping locally and then turn them in for a chance to win a dinner for two

3. Hoping to have a meeting in March or April for mayors of Diamondville and Kemmerer with newly elected officials

4. They are running a magazine ad with over 60 things to do in south Lincoln County

5. Women’s Sufferage 150th anniversary committee
   a. In September or October
   b. Sarah Hale: There is state funding for this
      i. 1 time funding

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.
The next LCED meeting will be on April 1, 2019 in Afton.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Raver