

**Adams County Development Council
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2020
Zoom Virtual/Conference Call Meeting (due to COVID-19)**

1. **Call to Order** – Ken Caylor called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm
2. **Establish Quorum** – Janis Rountree confirmed quorum with **13 of 20** members in attendance.
 - a. Present: Lloyd Stoess, Bob Walli, Paula Bell, PJ Jacobsen, Jamie Schmunk, Chad Hoeft, Kyle Niehenke, Ian Eccles, John Marshall, Ken Caylor, Dan Hille, Chris Faix and Deena Vietzke.
Advisory: Stephen McFadden, Janis Rountree.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Ken Caylor presented the agenda, PJ Jacobsen made motion to approve the agenda, Bob Walli provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – Ken Caylor presented the minutes from July 9, 2020. Bob Walli made the motion to approve the minutes from July, PJ Jacobsen provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Janis Rountree provided the treasurer's reports.
 - a. Jamie Schmunk made the motion to approve the financial reports, John Marshall provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
 - b. Lloyd Stoess made the motion to approve paying the August bills, Jamie Schmunk provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Janis Rountree – State & Local grant updates
 - i. ACDC grant is closed
 - ii. WWSBEG is working with 6 final businesses
7. **New Business**
 - a. New State funding announcement details – identify every business about new funding...
 - i. Lloyd Stoess made the motion to allow executive committee authorization to approve any temporary hires related to the new funding project, under the \$50,000 Cares Act administrative funds. John Marshall provided the second. All approved, motion carried.
8. **ACDC Activity** – Janis Rountree
 - a. Business as usual, continually processing grants and closing contracts, in constant contact with local businesses receiving grants and in relations to questions about COVID regulations.
 - b. WEDA weekly meetings, Chris Green from Commerce attends and gives us our ADO updates in regards to funding.
9. **Adams Co Activity** – Stephen McFadden.
 - a. Public Information officer: constant daily updates online for COVID number

- b. State Health Dept providing funding to promote masking and social distancing again.
- c. Economic Development – Working with the Port of Othello, on a potential manufacturer on Booker Road, 2-3 phase development, Cascade Natural Gas has been working for over a month to decipher if the gas can be provided
- d. Future Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility recruitment put on hold until 2021. Doing development and research work.
- e. Career Showcases will not be occurring in the Fall because schools are moving online in the fall. Discussions about a virtual job fair.

10. Community Updates

- a. **Port of Othello** – Deena Vietzke. & Chris Faix. Working on new hanger, building permit is done, building has been ordered. Installed this fall. Hired JUB as engineer, for water storage issue out at Bruce.
- b. **Ritzville** – no report.
- c. **Lind** – Paula Bell. Harvesting is winding down. Cemetery water line pump is installed, it was tested today and passed. New water lines will be laid next. Water line broke due to the Power Pole crews in the area, crews sparked a fire, Lind crew & Blattner water trucks got fire out. Waiting for funds to do a more permanent fix. Jamie Schmunk, 20th Community Yard Sale, 2nd week in October is a go. Going in positive direction for hosting the Christmas Parade, hopeful to do something for the community.
- d. **Washtucna** – Lloyd Stoess. Lions Clubs opened Snyder Park two weeks ago, travelers are utilizing the rest rooms. Still cleaning up from May windstorm damage.
- e. **Adams County** – John Marshall. Busy with public works activities. Close to having restoration complete of fire damage at transfer station from a few years ago, with a new building. Starting to work on budgets. Main topic is the virus. Very concerned about the rise in case numbers. Commissioners are fully on board with helping ACDC to start the next round of small business assistance.
- f. **Avista** – Ian Eccles. Substation is energized & ready for wind farm power. Business in Adams County is busy. Setting transformers at McCain's in preparation for the expansion project. Discussion about rescue efforts for a major event, new regulations make it tougher to get jobs done quickly.
- g. **Columbia Basin Railroad** – Patrick Boss. Positive announcements this week. Connell Rail Interchange now 100% designed & engineered, so that means it qualifies for more funding. Have \$10 million, need \$20 million to complete it. Several big projects in Moses Lake, Othello, Bruce & Warden needing more rail capacity, so Connell Rail Interchange would greatly help the congestion.
- h. **Coulee Corridor** – Ken Caylor. Dry Falls in July small group met to set guidelines about what group can & cannot do going forward. Mar Don and Warden loop is being worked on. WSDOT has to install the signs and approve them. Working with Adams & Grant Counties to install signs there too. Paperwork to do for final kiosk grant. Waiting for

clearance to do dedication.

- i. **Ice Age Floods** – Lloyd Stoess. Car caravan tour end of September in the works, hoping to be able to do under regulations. Lower Grand Coulee and end up in Moses Lake. Newsletter going out next week.
- j. **BBCC** – no report.
- k. **Othello** – Fair, Rodeo and Demo Derby has been cancelled.

11. Discussion closed.

12. Ken Caylor adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm

Approved on Sept. 10, 2020

Signed Paula Bell

Paula Bell, Secretary

Signed David Baumann

David Baumann, Chairman

Prepared by Janis Rountree

Janis Rountree, Manager