

**Adams County Development Council
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Mi Jalisco Restaurant in Ritzville**

1. **Call to Order** – David Baumann called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm
2. **Establish Quorum** – Paula Bell confirmed quorum with **16 of 20** members in attendance.
 - a. Present: Shawn Logan, John Lallas, David Baumann, Lloyd Stoess, Bob Walli, Paula Bell, PJ Jacobsen, Mike Schrag, Chad Hoeft, Kyle Niehenke, Ian Eccles, John Marshall, Ken Caylor, Chris Faix, Patrick Boss, Doyle Palmer. Guests: Deena Vietzke, and Jan Marshall. Advisory: Janis Rountree.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – David Baumann presented the agenda, PJ Jacobsen made motion to approve the agenda, Doyle Palmer provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – David Baumann presented the minutes from January 9, 2020. PJ Jacobsen made the motion to approve the minutes from January, Chris Faix provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Chad Hoeft provided the treasurer's reports.
 - a. Mike Schrag made the motion to approve the financial reports, John Marshall provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
 - b. John Marshall made the motion to approve paying the February bills, Ian Eccles provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
6. **Guest Presentation – Zipline Interactive.**
 - a. Ryan & Shawn website design presentation.
 - i. Search engine optimization – done for every page as it is built out. Additional options are available at an additional cost.
 - ii. Zipline manages own network that hosts & monitors the WordPress websites
 - iii. Approximately 8-10 weeks to get from planning to site launch – depending on depth of content
 - iv. Content development – Janis to gather information from each cities and towns to start building content direction
 - v. Zipline provides individual training on how to update and manage the website
 - vi. Support desk is a free service while our site is hosted with them. Additional “projects” come at an added cost, which they can provide a bid for prior to completing
 - vii. Assigned a single account manager that drives our project
 - viii. WordPress has layers of backups, in case of crashes. They store multiple backups from Oregon to Virginia, and monthly in Japan.
7. **Old Business**
 - a. Janis Rountree –
 - i. Spokane Ag Expo is done. Record amount of popcorn handed out.
 - ii. ADO report was accepted and payment was received on Feb 3.

8. New Business

- a. Upcoming events: NW Food & Beverage World in Spokane, Sandhill Crane Festival on March 21.
- b. Chamber banquet sponsor request. Ken Caylor made the motion to donate \$200 to Othello Chamber banquet, Chris Faix provided the second, all approved, motion carried.

9. ACDC Activity – Janis Rountree presented her activity report for January.

- a. Highlights include hosting Legislative dinner in Ritzville, providing support letter for Erika Rattray of Basin Farmworkers, Sue Lani Madsen visit to Washtucna, Lind and Ritzville.

10. Adams Co Activity – Stephen McFadden is at World Ag Expo in Tulare, CA.

11. Community Updates

- a. **Othello** – Shawn Logan: Annual Chamber banquet Friday, Feb 28. Lions Park received \$350,000 for ball field improvement projects. RCO Grant cycle – applying to add even more to Lions Park. John Lallas: McCain Foods project is under way. A lot going on, waste treatment plant final approval received.
- b. **Ritzville** – Mike Schrag. City is dealing with questions about quiet zone issues. Citizens and council had a meeting to discuss quiet zone possibility to cut down on the train noise, especially at night. Economic issues and a lot to consider before forcing it. It would require a lot of liability insurance and a lot of concrete barriers.
- c. **Lind** – Paula Bell. Lind Town Council members attended the Ritzville quiet zone meeting and found it very informative. Wind Farm sparking interest in local housing. CDBG project paperwork being completed. Mid-Columbia 99ers, a female fly group – offering to paint town's name on airport runway. PJ Jacobsen: Chamber is getting discouraged, not getting turn out for any of their events. Six active members now and they have decided to lay low this year and only do the parade in June.
- d. **Washtucna** – Lloyd Stoess. Community Center/Museum is getting new roof next week. Sonny's is getting close to opening. Church furnace failed in January, cleaning out all the smoke damage. Lions Club bingo 5pm dinner, 6pm bingo this Saturday, February 15.
- e. **Adams County** – John Marshall. Ribbon cutting at Othello WSU bee research facility on March 6 at 3pm. Working with Clearway Energy on project details. Union contracts have been accepted. Non-union contracts are under process. In Olympia every week visiting legislatures and discussing important topics.
- f. **Port of Othello** – Chris Faix. Sold more Bruce ground, all 42-acres by Betaseed have been sold now, bringing their jobs from 50 to 70. Hanger 4 (10 bays) bid packets going out next week, waiting list for potential renters. Interest in 26 & Reynolds property.
- g. **Avista** – Ian Eccles. A lot of resources are dedicated to Adams County right now. Starting to permit from Saddle Mountain to Othello. Smart meters have been installed throughout the county, Othello is wrapping up this week. 13 ways survey results are

being studied and report is coming.

- h. **Columbia Basin Railroad** – Patrick Boss. Connell Rail Interchange Coalition went to Olympia and met with several legislatures. Current proposal would allow the legislature to push back the project for a year or two and hold the \$10 million funding for when project is ready to proceed. If shipping cars continue to increase it could cause major congestion issues for the shippers. Connell holds the major issue and in 2-3 years it could hurt economic development in the region.
- i. **Coulee Corridor** – Ken Caylor. Ribbon cutting on March 27 in Othello at 9am for new corridor kiosks, Warden will follow at 11am. April 3 – Grand Coulee. April 17th – Soap Lake & Coulee City.
- j. **Ice Age Floods** – Lloyd Stoess. The Scablender newsletter is done. Spring hike Sat March 7, Staircase rapids. April 24, at Ritz Theatre, geologist coming from Oregon, giving a talk about Mt St Helens then and now.
- k. **BBCC** – n/a

12. Discussion closed

13. David adjourned the meeting at 7:32 pm

Approved on March 12, 2020

Signed Paula Bell

Paula Bell, Secretary

Signed David Baumann

David Baumann, Chairman

Prepared by Janis Rountree

Janis Rountree, Manager