

**Adams County Development Council
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2020**

1. **Call to Order** – David Baumann called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm
2. **Establish Quorum** – Chad Hoeft confirmed quorum with **13 of 20** members in attendance.
 - a. Present: John Marshall, Kyle Niehenke, Chad Hoeft, Lloyd Stoess, John Lallas, Pat Boss, David Baumann, PJ Jacobsen, Ken Caylor, Doyle Palmer, Chris Faix, Mike Schrag, Ian Eccles.
Advisory: Stephen McFadden, Bryce Humphreys, and Janis Rountree.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – David Baumann presented the agenda, PJ Jacobsen made motion to approve the agenda, Chad Hoeft provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – David Baumann presented the minutes from December 12, 2019. Chris Faix made the motion to approve the minutes from December, Doyle Palmer provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Chad Hoeft provided the treasurer's reports.
 - a. Lloyd Stoess made the motion to approve the financial reports, Doyle Palmer provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
 - b. Ian Eccles made the motion to approve paying the January bills, Ken Caylor provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Janis Rountree – Legislative dinner.
 - i. Pat Boss suggested a moderator for the question and answer portion to control questions being centered around economic development. Also include a pitch on being an ACDC member since the group included some potential partners.
 - b. Capital campaign update. Columbia Basin RR new partner in December.
7. **New Business**
 - a. New Adams County Magazine is done and being distributed.
 - b. Janis Rountree – Next ADO report due on January 15.
 - c. February calendar of events.
 - i. Spokane Ag Expo – Lloyd and Chris will need badges to attend.
 - ii. World Ag Expo – Stephen goes with EWEDA.
 - iii. NW Food – Chris will need a badge to attend.
 1. Killian Korn Popcorn order is needed for each trade show, to place one bulk order of 900 bags and split it between the three shows. Ken Caylor made the motion to order trade show popcorn. Chris Faix provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
8. **ACDC Activity** – Janis Rountree presented her activity report for December.
 - a. **Website.** Researched internet companies. Requested 4 proposals, received 1 back, 1 no and 2 no answers. Zipline from Spokane would like to give us a presentation at next

meeting to discuss benefits of a new website and what they can do to help us. Dept of Commerce funding increase will help pay for the cost. **(budget line item for technology).**

9. **Adams Co Activity** – Stephen McFadden presented his activity report.

- a. Board of Adjustment – proposed solar farm west of Othello covering 1,000 acres, and supplying 100MW of energy, permit was approved in December. Company is shopping for a power buyer.
- b. Community development projects have taken off. Sue Lani Madsen came to Adams County on Jan 8 and we took her on County-wide tour.
 - i. Rimrock Grange in Washtucna, trying for a USDA grant for upgrades.
 - ii. Adams County Historical Museum in Lind, trying for emergency funding from capital budget cycle for repairs to the support structures. Heritage Capital Project grant application due in May, will be asking for a substantial amount.
 - iii. RDDA building in Ritzville, discussing Business & Entrepreneurship Center project. A full project rendering needs to be completed before they can proceed in looking for a contractor.

10. **Community Updates**

- a. **Othello** – John Lallas. City Council meeting Monday, January 6. Fireworks were only complaint from holiday festivities. Rezoning issues still being worked on, in support of the tremendous housing shortage in the city. People commuting from Tri-Cities and Moses Lake.
- b. **Ritzville** – Mike Schrag. Nothing to report from council.
- c. **Lind** – PJ Jacobsen. Chamber meets next Monday night, January 13.
- d. **Washtucna** – Lloyd Stoess. America in Bloom award. They've participated the last four years.
- e. **Adams County** – John Marshall. Working on contracts. Completed: Sheriff's Association and Public Works. Courthouse and Jail dispatch are in progress.
 - i. Stephen McFadden added: Clearway Energy will be in town Tue & Wed to do a county-wide tour to provide an update briefing on the Rattlesnake Flats Wind Farm project.
 - ii. Adam Neilson Solar Farm - \$41 million worth of value was determined.
- f. **Port of Othello** – Chris Faix. Applied to CARB got approved for \$450,000 loan to add a 10-bay hanger to the airport, hope to complete it by summer. Sold some real estate at Bruce to a local farmer. Water storage project application is on hold with USDA.
- g. **Avista** – Ian Eccles. Saddle Mountain substation almost done, the transmission line will run into Othello. Lind-Washtucna line got rebuild. Lee & Reynolds substation done. Community surveys – Ritzville has 50 responses, Lind 23, Othello 23 and Washtucna about 20. Keeping survey open until the end of January then the 13 Ways team will analyze the results.

- h. **Coulee Corridor** – Ken Caylor. Kiosks are done and completed. Ribbon cutting set for March at each location. Othello, Warden, Soap Lake, Coulee City. Trailblazer signs done on north end. Working on a new website. Sandhill Crane Festival third week in March.
- i. **Ice Age Floods** – Lloyd Stoess. Working on Winter newsletter. 40th anniversary of Mt St Helens eruption, he's arranging a guest speaker for April 24 at 7pm to discuss the event.
- j. **BBCC** – Bryce Humphreys. Industry Leadership skills certificate is set up, one day a week for four weeks, classes will be held in Moses Lake and Othello. Ag Mechanics program. Bachelor of AS in Management program is approved, hope to start students in program in fall of 2021. Aviation maintenance building.
Stephen McFadden. Presidential search is under way with the board of trustees. Monday, January 6 trimmed candidate list down to five for interviews the last 2 weeks in January. Top three from the interview process will move on.

11. Discussion closed

12. David adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm

Approved on February 13, 2020

Signed Paula Bell

Paula Bell, Secretary

Signed David Baumann

David Baumann, Chairman

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Janis Rountree, Manager