

**Adams County Development Council  
Regular Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, May 14, 2020  
Zoom Virtual/Conference Call Meeting (due to COVID-19)**

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1. **Call to Order** – David Baumann called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm
2. **Establish Quorum** – Paula Bell confirmed quorum with **14 of 20** members in attendance.
  - a. Present: Mike Schrag, Chad Hoeft, David Baumann, Lloyd Stoess, Paula Bell, Kyle Niehenke, Chris Faix, Deena Vietzke, Ian Eccles, PJ Jacobsen, Ken Caylor, John Marshall, and Dan Hille.  
Advisory: Stephen McFadden, Bryce Humphreys, and Janis Rountree.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – David Baumann presented the agenda, Dan Hille made motion to approve the agenda, PJ Jacobsen provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – David Baumann presented the minutes from April 9, 2020. Ken Caylor made the motion to approve the minutes from April, John Marshall 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, Ian Eccles provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
  - b. John Marshall made the motion to approve paying the May bills, Ken Caylor provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
6. **Old Business**
  - a. Janis Rountree – Stay Home Stay Health order
    - i. Commissioners creating another letter to request variance to move to Phase 2.
    - ii. John Marshall – requesting the ability to apply for a variance (not application)
    - iii. Stephen requests a vote from the board to have David sign the letter on behalf of the Adams County Development Council.
      1. Chad made the motion, PJ provided the second, all approved (one nay), motion carried.
7. **New Business**
  - a. Business outreach due to COVID-19
    - i. Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant
    - ii. Adams County Small Business Emergency Grant – John Marshall made the motion to move \$33,000 from Savings. Mike Schrag provided the second. All approved, motion carried.
      1. Stephen challenged members to donate to the grant fund. Deena Vietzke, John Marshall, and Shawn Logan each pledged \$100.
      2. John Marshall made the motion to move the remaining amount when needed, Lloyd Stoess provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
    - iii. Rural Non-Profit PPP outreach – WEDA to provide compensation for outreach work.

iv. Clearway & Blattner donating to Food Banks and Ralston Grange as well.

8. **ACDC Activity** – Janis Rountree presented her activity report for April.

a. Highlighting COVID work.

9. **Adams Co Activity** – Stephen McFadden.

a. Thankful for public leaders that stepped up to invest in our grant. Extraordinary good will and our mission as a development council. Surrounding counties are following suit and starting grant programs also.

b. CARES Act is providing funding to Adams County \$1.1million, suggested requirement for the funds is that a percentage should be used for Economic Recovery. We will be contacting local mayors to determine a path that we can help with.

c. Press releases daily for county.

## 10. Community Updates

a. **Othello** – Shawn Logan. Appreciate the efforts of ACDC to help with the small business grants. Additional funding is coming available, we need to decide what to do with it. Hoping for local control, will continue to fight for our freedoms. Recognize the illness is real.

b. **Ritzville** – Mike Schrag. Appreciate's the grant efforts as well.

c. **Lind** – Paula Bell. Combine Derby has cancelled. Free dump day on Sat, May 16. Several folks are moving in and out of town, DeVore Motel latest for sale.

d. **Washtucna** – Lloyd Stoess. Lions Club will meet for first time in 2 months to discuss 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Lots of gravel being hauled to wind farm.

e. **Adams County** – John Marshall. Proud of everyone for pitching in, staff has been cooperating. Keep spirits up, we're working as hard as we can.

f. **Port of Othello** – Chris Faix. Awarded bid to Straight A Contracting out of Othello for the new hanger project. Last piece of land sold for onion packing shed.

g. **Avista** – Ian Eccles. Crews went back to work officially last week. Social distancing is required on the job. Two housing developments in Othello, in Lind a lot, shops being built. Innovia – Kudos to ACDC for the grant work.

h. **Columbia Basin Railroad** – Patrick Boss. Rail shipments have increased since last month. Frozen French fries, going back east to the states they are starting to reopen. Volumes are coming up so it's a positive sign.

i. **Coulee Corridor** – Ken Caylor. In holding pattern to see what happens. Tourism is way down, waiting for State Parks to reopen. Thanks for the grant work.

- j. **Ice Age Floods** – Lloyd Stoess. No activities through the end of the month. Palouse Falls is now open for day use.
- k. **BBCC** – Bryce Humphreys. Notice from Governors office that they has permission to hold face to face labs. Safety protocols must be met in order for those to happen. Hoping to have Automotive, Industrial maintenance tech, aviation maintenance, welding, should start classes next week. CDL next week, aviation flight the week after that. Nursing is already back.

11. Discussion closed

12. David adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm

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Approved on July 3, 2020

Signed Paula Bell

Paula Bell, Secretary

Signed David Baumann

David Baumann, Chairman

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Janis Rountree, Manager