

**Adams County Development Council
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, November 12, 2020
Zoom Virtual/Conference Call Meeting (due to COVID-19)**

1. **Call to Order** – David Baumann called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm
2. **Establish Quorum** – Paula Bell confirmed quorum with 11 of 20 members in attendance.
 - a. Present: David Baumann, Mike Schrag, Lloyd Stoess, Ken Caylor, Paula Bell, John Marshall, Chris Faix, Deena Vietzeke, Bob Walli, Ian Eccles and Jamie Schmunk.
Advisory: Stephen McFadden, Bryce Humphreys, Janis Rountree.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – David Baumann presented the agenda, Mike Schrag made motion to approve the agenda, Lloyd Stoess provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – David Baumann presented the minutes from October 8, 2020. John Marshall made the motion to approve the minutes from October, Lloyd Stoess provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Janis Rountree presented the bills for November.
 - a. John Marshall made the motion to approve the paying of the November bills, Ken Caylor provided the second, all approved, motion carried.
6. **Guest Speaker – BBCC President Dr Sara Thompson Tweedy**
 - a. Assist in development of local workforce, partner to business & industry leaders.
 - i. Center for Business & Industry Services. Training based on industry needs. Upskill current employees and backfill with new employees. Certificate programs.
 - ii. Workforce Education Center. New facility that houses education training for welding, mechanics (and more)
 - iii. Target start date of Fall 2021, to launch bachelors of applied management. Supports all 5 major industries: healthcare, ag, retail, (etc)
7. **Old Business** – Janis Rountree
 - a. Inland NW partners webinar
 - b. Commerce quarterly report has been approved
8. **New Business**
 - a. Adams County Grants –\$400,000 worth of grants to small businesses and non-profit organizations in county, thanks to the CARES Funds designated by the county commissioners.
9. **Executive board nomination discussion**
 - a. Chairman – Ken Caylor
 - b. Vice Chair – Kyle Niehenke / Jamie Schmunk
 - c. Treasurer – Chad
 - d. Secretary – Paula

- e. At Large – PJ Jacobsen / David Baumann

10. ACDC Activity – Janis Rountree

- a. Grant work, partnership renewals, and municipal service agreements.
- b. Advertising campaign with Columbia Basin Herald / video project with Beyond Sight Media
- c. Small business assistance – Cow Path Bakery, Othello
- d. Site visit at Bruce Industrial Park
- e. Congressman Newhouse luncheon
- f. Clearway Energy video project
- g. ACDC website content and Adams Co Magazine

11. Community Updates

- a. **City of Othello** – no report.
- b. **Ritzville** – no report.
- c. **Lind** – Paula Bell. Construction & water lines are main focus in town. New main lines for water, includes new valves. New service lines to residents on 7th Street and meters. Weather is cooperating so far with construction. Jamie Schmunk. Chamber is having annual Christmas parade. Two plans – lighted parade 2nd Sunday in December. Either people watch from their cars, or parade route travels through town.
- d. **Washtucna** – Lloyd Stoess. Sonny's is closed and for sale. Washtucna Fire Dept. did Halloween hot dog feed at the fire hall & had a great turnout. Family's social distanced and they served 100. All 57 windmills are up and about a dozen are now running.
- e. **Adams County** – John Marshall. Working on the budget, getting close to advertisement for hearing. Talked to Salazar, Central WA rep for Governor's office to ask the governor to not shut us down again. Small business has been crippled, even large retail is suffering and we don't want to see it happen again. Election this month. Recommends Terry Thompson to take his position on the board.
- f. **Port of Othello** – Deena Vietzke. Budget is approved & sent to county. Pouring concrete floor for new hanger at airport. Working with JUB engineers on water project at Bruce.
- g. **Avista** – Ian Eccles. Othello's Lee Road, new substation on 7th & Lee, laydown yard for new transmission lines coming this next year. Ritzville has been having power blinks – birds & dust, are causing the issue. Crews are replacing 80+ miles of insulators because of the issue.
- h. **Columbia Basin Railroad** – no report.
- i. **Coulee Corridor** – Ken Caylor. Working on getting paperwork done for grant money for 2021. Working with Grant County Tourism on funding. Trying to finalize projects. Received money from Othello. Electric City & Grand Coulee to come. Federal Grant

paperwork to close out Kiosk projects.

- j. **Ice Age Floods** – Lloyd Stoess. No report.
- k. **BBCC** – Bryce Humphreys. Updates: uptick in positive COVID cases with students, taking up more of the time to keep everyone safe. WA State board of tech colleges, working on accreditation approval with new bachelor's program. October regional accreditation visit, important to secure federal financial aid for students. Nursing program received program accreditation also. Continue to offer courses online, especially while cases are increasing.

12. Discussion closed.

13. David Baumann adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm

Approved on December 10, 2020

Signed Paula Bell

Paula Bell, Secretary

Signed David Baumann

David Baumann, Chairman

Prepared by Janis Rountree

Janis Rountree, Manager