

Sweetgrass Development 3rd/4th Quarter Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Call to Order at 5:13 p.m. by Chairman Tony Sitzmann.

Attending: Tony Sitzmann, Lila Evans, Jim Larson, Holly Hovland, Lorette Carter, Llew Jones

Staff: Sarah Converse, Kelly Solberg

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sitzmann at 5:13 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Lorette Carter and seconded by Jim Larson to approve the agenda as distributed, motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Lorette Carter and seconded by Jim Larson to approve the 2nd Quarter meeting minutes from June 19, 2017, motion passed.

Financials

Sarah reported on June, July and August financials. Sarah updated on the status of RLF funds, most are paying, one is being deferred, but staff is working with the business and one in litigation. \$200,000 in the RLF account. The budget is on track for the year. It was moved by Jim Larson and seconded by Lila Evans to approve the financials for June-August, motion passed.

Administrative Report

Legislative – Sarah gave an update on state programs that will be sun setting July 1, 2019 due to funding deferral.

Grant updates –

Big Sky Trust Fund –The BTBC Elder Care grant is being finalized. Staff is working on the professional services contracts for the planning grants for CGI and MSM.

CDBG-ED – Glacier County. Completing up start up documents and project is moving forward.

Brownfield Assessment: All monies have been obligated and projects are moving forward.

Schedule Updates

Staff attended the following: MACo, MLCT, MEDA and NADO conferences

Kelly will be attending the 10th Annual Montana Downtown Conference in Great Falls October 18-20.

Business Items:

EPA Brownfields - Sarah stated Sweetgrass Development is applying for another Brownfields grant and we will be doing outreach in the communities. There was discussion about letters of support for the Revolving Loan Fund grant. Sarah stated there are several assessment sites that would qualify for Revolving Loan Funds.

Requests for federal legislative action and support – Discussion ensued regarding support of federal action support. It was decided to discuss this at the next meeting as an agenda item to develop a protocol for such requests. It was moved by Lorette Carter and seconded by Holly Hovland to table Health Insurance Tax and National Park Infrastructure letters of support, motion passed.

EDA approved our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Approval of CEDS– It was moved by Lorette Carter and seconded by Llew Jones to approve the CEDS, motion passed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m. by Chairman Sitzmann. Next meeting January 2018