

**Anaconda Deer Lodge County
Economic Development Board Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2023
5:30 PM
Community Service Center, 3rd floor Conference Rm**

I. Call to Order 5:31 PM

EDB Members Present: District 3 Commissioner Kevin Hart, Anaconda County Local Development Executive Director Kathleen Tarkalson, ADLC CEO Bill Everett, ADLC Planning Director Carl Hamming, Chairman John Stoppler, and District 5 Commissioner Mike Huotte

EDB Members Absent: Kristy McKay (excused), Colleen Riley (excused), Pat Gallagher (excused)

Members of the Public: Rose Nyman, Cody Fischer, Linda McGillen

II. Approval of Minutes from the Economic Development Board Meeting of November 9, 2022

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to approve the minutes from the EDB Meeting held on November 9, 2022, with corrections. Motion seconded by Discover Anaconda Director Tarkalson.

Motion Carried: None opposed.

Public Comment:

Rose Nyman asked if the minutes specify if the absent members were excused or unexcused?

III. Unfinished Business

None

IV. New Business

A. Opportunity Community Club – New Roof

At this time the board may discuss and take action to recommend funding to the ADLC Commission.

ADLC CEO Bill Everett provided an overview of the Opportunity Community Club's request to obtain matching funds from what they've already raised to redo the roof at the club.

Linda McGillen, representing the Opportunity Community Club (along with Mr. Fischer), explained the history of the club losing its 501c(3) status due to a lack of reporting to the IRS. Since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020, the building has

been closed and off limits for community functions. The roof was sagging to a dangerous degree and the building has been off-limits thus severely limiting options for residents of Opportunity to have a gathering place for events and celebrations of all types.

Last year, the club only had a little over \$300 in its coffers, but since the Board restructured and a number of residents became committed to fixing the roof and bringing the club back to life, they've raised roughly \$43,500.

Ms. McGillen described the importance of the club for the Opportunity neighborhood and said this was demonstrated by a letter-writing campaign to the local residents that raised roughly 14k. They've also raised funds from a number of other grants.

They are currently seeking 50k to redo the roof and already have a quote for it costing somewhere between 90-100k.

Motion made by Commissioner Hart to recommend funding to the ADLC Commission for \$50,000 grant. Motion seconded by CEO Everett.

Motion Carried: None opposed.

V. Miscellaneous

CEO Everett described his idea to borrow from future repayment of the loans coming back from the Forge Hotel (2025) to have Econ. Development dollars to continue the momentum and further deliver on recent development proposals that will likely be landing in the Opportunity Triangle. The Board discussed their thoughts and opinions on the idea and ultimately stated that it will be up to the Commission to decide.

VI. Public Comment: This is the time for the public to comment on items **NOT** appearing on the agenda that fall **within the board's jurisdiction.**

None

VII. Next Meeting TBD

VIII. Adjournment 6:09 PM