

**Anaconda Deer Lodge County
Economic Development Board Meeting**

June 30th, 2021 5:30 PM

Community Service Center, 3rd floor Conference Room

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Chairman will call for public comment following board discussion of each agenda item.

Attendance: Terry Verimere, Kevin Hart, John Stoppler, Pat Gallagher, Carl Hamming, Adam Vauthier, Bill Everett

Excused: Kristy McKay and Colleen Riley

Guests: Dan Brockway, Chris Hanson, Teah Fuller, Jim Davison, Kim Richardson & Rose Nyman

- I. **Call to Order:5:33pm**
Roll Call
- II. **Approval of Minutes from March 31, 2021**
 - a. **Pat Gallagher motioned to approve the minutes as they are. Carl Hamming seconded the motion. Rose makes a public comment that these were not posted on the website. Adam Vauthier points out that Lori had been on vacation. The motions passed unanimously.**
- III. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. **Rose Nyman mentions that bylaws were tabled at the last meeting. These bylaws were tabled until future meetings. It was requested that the bylaws be put back on the next agenda.**
- IV. **New Business**
 - a. **At this time the board could act or make requests to the developer on the notice of intent submitted by: S&N Concrete**
 - i. **Chris Hanson gives a rundown of the S&N business. Chris explains that this would be going towards the new plant and building that S&N has constructed.**

The board discusses the project and eligible expenses. Kevin Hart suggests a meeting with Mike Grayson and Pat Gallagher to make sure these funds are used correctly. John Stoppler asks for Public comment. Rose Nyman thanks Chris for being in the community. She wonders if this is setting a precedent for paying for previously completed projects. Rose also states that there is some leeway to work with this type of project in the guidelines. The board can go to ARCO for approval if needed, she states.

Pat Gallagher motions to approve 10% of this brick and mortar project and 10% loan which is limited to construction of the building, Adam Vauthier seconds the motions and it passes unanimously.

- b. At this time the board could act or make requests to the developer on the notice of intent submitted by: Martelli Forestry

Adam Vauthier pointed out that Mr. Martelli is unable to attend as he is fighting fires. Bill Everett explains Martelli's project out in the east yards where he constructed a structure for his forestry business. No public comment was received.

Terry Vermiere makes a motion for a \$15,000 grant to reimburse some of the brick and mortar costs, Pat Gallagher seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

- c. At this time the board could act or make requests to the developer on the notice of intent submitted by: Pioneer Furniture

John Stoppler asked if this was too premature since they did not get a budget. Adam Vauthier copies the budget presented by Dan Brockway. Pat Gallagher agrees with John on this application. The board and Dan Brockway discuss his timeline and his plan for this project. The board suggests that a land meeting be set with Bill Everett and Mike Grayson.

Adam Vauthier motions to table this item until the land has been settled. John Stoppler asks for public comment.

Rose Nyman publicly comments that the language in the guidelines is what is confusing for these projects. Pat Gallagher seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

V. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Adam Vauthier explains that there has been confusion about who is on first for this board. He asks if ALDC can receive and process applications and applicants to ensure that they fulfill the board's initial requirements so as not to waste anyone's time.

- 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.
- a. Rose Nyman asks the board to think about eligibility if the project is already started before requesting funds, just to make sure that in the future it doesn't become an issue.
 - b. Rose Nyman states that she believes the board was very vigilante this evening and needs to abide by the agenda and meeting rules.
 - c. Rose Nyman states that there is not a section in the bylaws that states what happens if you miss meetings and the bylaws need a few amendments.
 - d. Rose Nyman states that the draft meeting minutes need to be available within 5 business days of a meeting. These should be posted as draft minutes on the county website.
 - e. Rose Nyman notes that changes in an agenda after initial posting must be changed and highlighted as well as a notation at the top that the agenda is amended.
 - f. Rose Nyman asked that a packet be prepared the week before meetings for public review, she has had to search out developer inquiries.
- VII. Next Meeting:** TBD
- VIII. Adjournment:** Adam Vauthier moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm, Pat Gallagher seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.