

**North Central Montana Economic Development District
Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 23, 2020
Pondera Senior Center, Conrad, MT and conference call**

Call to Order at 2:10 p.m. by Chairman Tony Sitzmann

Attending: Jim Hodgskiss, Dale Seifert, Lorette Carter, Tony Sitzmann, Lila Evans, Mary Ann Harwood, Gerald Wagner, Jim Larson, Sarah Converse

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Jim H. and seconded by Dale to approve the agenda, motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

It was moved by Mary Ann and seconded by Jim L. to approve the June 24, 2020 meeting minutes, motion passed.

Financials:

It was moved by Mary Anne and seconded by Dale to approve the June, July and August financials, motion passed.

Administrative Report:

Project/Grant/Activity Updates:

Brownfields: Projects are moving along well, with all reporting up to date. SDC did not receive Brownfields RLF funds and will apply again. The conference has been postponed to late 2021.

COVID: SDC was awarded \$400,000 through the non-competitive process through EDA for capacity building and planning within the region. It was discussed how to deploy the planning funds to the region and assist with business resiliency planning as well. The hiring process will begin via Indeed and local postings. Funding was secured through the state CARES allocation and working with entities on EIDL applications and submissions to the state. The businesses on the eastern edge of Glacier National Park are really feeling the effects and it may become even more serious going into the winter.

Business Items:

Vehicle purchase

With miles increasing on the Fusion it was decided to allow Sarah and Tony to look for a newer more winter friendly vehicle. The consensus was that they move forward with their judgement.

Budget approval for EDA and State funds

It was moved by Jim Larson and seconded by Lila to approve the amended budget to include the additional funds, motion passed.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned, next meeting November or December 2020.