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FMLD Meeting July 23, 2014

In attendance:

David Ludlam
Chris Springer
John Justman
Chris Reddin
Dave Frankel
Carley Nelson,
Pam Newman
Rich Engleheart
Ken Watkins Fire Chief
John Camper Police Chief
David Wagner CMU
Phylliss Norris GJ City Council
Kevin
Kathy Portner City Staff

Meeting called to order at 2:00

Board reviewed minutes.

CSpringer moved to approve June minutes. JJustman seconded. Minutes approved.

DLudlam reviewed discussion from informal luncheon. Board discussed improvements for grant cycle.

Opened floor up for public comment:

No public comment

CReddin gave presentation on the FML District and details on going forward on funding cycles. Explained where money comes from and what the Federal Mineral Lease District is. Reviewed money awarded in past grant cycles.

REngleheart questioned whether you can apply for a traditional and a mini grant in the same grant cycle.

CReddin explained that you can apply for both grants but will only be awarded one.

DWagner questioned if there is an upper limit on the traditional grant.

CReddin explained that there is not an upper limit.

CSpringer assured that the board takes the mini grants seriously.

DLudlam discussed the changes the board made to the grant cycle. The only change is the language on the question about the impact on the number of people. Board worked to make that question fair to smaller entities.

CReddin explained grammar and language changes made to the application.

DLudlam questioned if the board had any changes to the fall grant application before it is adopted.

CSpringer moved to approve the 2014 fall grant cycle application. JJustman seconded. Application approved.

Board reviewed 2013 audit report. DLudlam questioned further action.

DFrankel said as long as the audit has been transmitted to the state there shouldn't be any other steps.

Board reviewed association membership. Bylaws need to be changed in order for association to join in September.

CReddin discussed that the board has not received any responses on the financial services RFP. Pam is contracted through August so the board needs to have a firm in place by September.

CSpringer questioned if the County wants the district to go in a different direction.

CReddin has RFP for audit report prepared for August of next year so they are ahead of schedule.

DLudlam reopened the floor for public comment.

REngleheart questioned scoring range. Confirmed that the board uses a scoring range from 1-10.

CSpringer explained that that scoring these applications is one of the hardest things he has ever done. The board is doing everything they can to make this process as efficient as possible and fair.

KWatkins questioned the criteria for decision making for scoring.

CSpringer understands why grant applicants question their scoring. Board is trying very hard to be fair and is making adjustments to continually improve the process.

JJustman explained his reasoning for scoring De Beque and Collbran high. Explained how much of an impact the oil and gas industry has on the community.

PNorris questioned how city should apply for grants, all as one application or as individuals.

CSpringer clarified that they don't necessarily score the mini grants first.

PNorris explained that JJustman scored the smaller entities the highest and questioned if that puts the city at a disadvantage because they are a bigger entity.

JJustman explained how the counties are struggling and don't have the resources and that is what influenced his scores.

DLudlam explained that the district is still fairly new and everyone will have their own personal biases. There are only a few FMLD and the board has worked very hard to continually make improvements.

REngleheart recommended partial funding for applicants.

DWagner questioned whether there was a set amount to be funded to traditional grants and mini grants.

CReddin explained that there isn't an official number. There are no guidelines. The amount that is distributed is capped but applicants do not have a cap on the application money request and there is no set amount to distribute to traditional and mini grants.

DWagner recommended the board clarify the process for mini and traditional grants.

CReddin reviewed questions in the application. The board is only scoring off of 7 questions.

CSpringer discussed how keeping the money in the bank isn't doing anyone any good. Money distributed is money acquired from the previous year. Discussed how the board doesn't challenge each other's scores. The scores are final and the discussion is only about funding. Agreed that if an entity can accept partial funding it should be stated in application.

REngleheart recommended discussing the scores among the board.

DLudlam reviewed suggestions for improvements.

PNorris questioned if 5 entities all go in on an application together, does that preclude each of them from applying separately?

DLudlam would like to discuss this question at the next work session.

DLudlam asked board if they would like to schedule a work session before next board meeting.

Next board meeting is August 13.

Board decided to hold off on the work session.

KPortner questioned the amount that the board will be giving out for the fall grant cycle.

CReddin explained that there is \$871,954.30 for potential grant awards in the fall grant cycle.

CSpringer motioned to adjourn meeting. JJustman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:51

Minutes for the July 23, 2014 Federal Mineral Lease District Board of Directors meeting.

Respectfully submitted by the 2014 Board Secretary, Mesa County Commissioner John Justman

Signature _____ Date: _____