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BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP

Spring 2017 Grant Applicant Workshop Presentations

Date and Time: 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 8, 2017

Location: Home Loan Building, 205 N. 4th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501, in the Community Room on the Basement level

In attendance:

Craig Springer
John Justman
Chris McAnany
Dusti Reimer
Scott Olsen
Lance Stewart
Rob Schoeber
Greg Randall
Scott Aker
Dawn Walker
Richard Sales
Davis Farrar
Eli Jennings
Brian Woods
James Barnett
Chance Ballegeer
Ty Minnick
Ted Balbier
Derek Wagner
Paul Cain
Ben Johnson
Benita Phillips
Carley Maher

Meeting was called to order at 2:12 p.m.

I. Introduction

- a. C. Springer welcomed everyone to the meeting. Turned it over to Dusti Reimer to explain the format for the presentations.
- b. D. Reimer said the presentation format is a 5-minute presentation with follow up questions allowed for the Board. All the power points that were submitted are available and will be used.

- c. D. Reimer thanked everyone for coming and told everyone that the meeting was being recorded for David Ludlam, who due to scheduling conflicts was unable to attend, but still wanted to see the presentations.
- d. D. Reimer reminded the group that the total amount allocated for the spring grant cycle was approximately \$350,000.

II. Presentations by Spring 2017 Grant Cycle applicants;

- a. 2017-ST-01 Grand Valley Drainage District – Phase One: Final Buthorn Drain Design. The purpose of the planning project is to complete all additional surveying easements, provide detailed topography and utility locates, geotechnical investigations, final design and review resulting in a complete construction plan set ready to be sent out to bid.
 - i. Grant request: \$60,000
 - ii. No presenters available.
 - iii. No Questions.

- b. 2017-ST-02 -City of Grand Junction, Colorado Mesa University and School District 51 – Stocker Stadium Turf Project. The three listed organizations have identified a joint project. The replacement of the Stocker Stadium turf is an important community infrastructure project. Stocker Stadium hosts almost 300 events annually for all three entities, showing an excellent example of community collaboration, enhancing a shared facility that provides multiple community benefits.
 - i. Grant request: \$200,000
 - ii. Presenters: Rob Schoeber, Derek Wagner, Paul Cain
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. C. Springer: We know the existing turf lasted 8 years, in your application you said you expect the product to last longer than ten years, is this because it is an improved product with a longer warranty?
 - a. R. Schoeber: This does have a longer warranty-an 8-year warranty with a life expectancy of 8-12 years because of the improvement with technology. We are also improving the safety of the field. The material originally used had 4lbs per square foot of filler material, and this will be increased to 6.5 lbs. which adds cushion, safety and longer durability.
 - 2. C. Springer: Given how important Stocker Stadium is, and all of us know about the different activities done there, has any of this given you thoughts for maybe setting money back in the future? This really is important to get us past this point, but what do you have planned for the future to make sure the money is there to replace that?
 - a. R. Schoeber: Yes, now that we know what the life expectancy is, we are developing a model with the parks and advisory

board to have them set aside contributions every year to have money to replace this again in the future.

3. Benita Phillips (Community Member Question): Rob, did you look at safety factor of the nature vs synthetic turfs. The NFL and Soccer Association of the United States has established that the synthetic turfs are not as safe to play on as the natural surfaces.
 - a. R. Schoeber: We haven't compared it to this particular application, but our research has shown, and Paul (Cain) could also comment on this, that higher quality synthetic surfaces are as safe as natural turf and maybe provide more of a safe area because we do not have to deal with the weather conditions. The natural turf and surfaces, using dirt, they break apart quickly in rain. This field will be ready to use in the event of full weather.
 - b. Paul Cain: If you look at Mile High Stadium, they use a blend of natural and synthetic blended together. This is not cheap at all to do or to maintain. Jeff Co School District also put that in and it has been very successful. They were able to hold 80-ish contests/games this past fall without much wear. What used to happen at the (Stocker) stadium and what destroyed our field this year was we received massive rain. When we used to get rain early on, down the whole field from hash mark to hash mark, would be just dirt. We would have dirt all season. We can't fill it with sod or do anything to fix it. It just destroyed the field.
 - c. J. Justman: I would imagine that it would be less water and less maintenance. The ground is hard no matter what you do to it.

- c. 2017-SM-01 – Lands End Fire Protection District – Thermal Imaging Camera Request. Cameras are used to detect heat invisible to humans. Lands End Fire Protection District contains explosive and ammunition compounds within their district.
 - i. Grant request: \$7,764.00
 - ii. Presenter: Brian Lurvey
 - iii. Questions:
 1. C. Springer: Your application states you have ammunition and explosive compounds in your district-where are the ammunition compounds?
 - a. B. Lurvey: Correct. On Reeder Mesa we actually had an explosion. It's a black powder manufacturing company. There are actually three of them in our area. After the one blew up, we found out there were two more. This was a piece of equipment we needed to use from the Grand Junction Fire Department because we didn't know how much was up there

and we had to let the fire burn until we could get thermal imaging eyes on that explosion for safety reasons. The bomb team and GJFD came and helped us determine that the seven other storage facilities around it contained no fire and no heat, which then allowed us to go in and attack the fire and extinguish it.

2. Benita Phillips (Community Member Question): Is this camera mountable on a drone?
 - a. B. Lurvey: No. A Thermal imagine camera is used for victims and search and rescues situations. This is a camera that you use in hand.
 3. B. Phillips: Do you have a drone?
 - a. B. Lurvey: No.
 4. B. Phillips: You don't want to add that to your request?
 - a. B. Lurvey: No, I don't think so. I don't want to get involved with the FAA. We're not there yet.
 5. C. Springer: You guys are all volunteer?
 - a. B. Lurvey: Yes, that's correct.
- d. 2017-SM-02 – Town of De Beque – De Beque Drainage Mitigation Project. Extending curb, gutter and sidewalk on the east side of Minter Avenue to direct storm water drainage away from the new school track project.
- i. Grant request: \$50,000
 - ii. Presenter: Lance Stewart
 - iii. Questions:
 1. C. Springer: What is the total distance for this project?
 - a. L. Stewart: 234 feet
- e. 2017-SM-03 – Clifton Sanitation District – Parts and Maintenance Building Expansion and Wastewater Receiving Station. Project is to expand an existing maintenance facility for additional storage of equipment, essential parts and materials currently used for the District and construct a wastewater receiving stations specifically for wastewater from oil and gas man camps.
- i. Grant request: \$45,000
 - ii. Presenter: Brian Woods
 - iii. Questions:
 1. C. Springer: Are there operating man camps that you are currently receiving waste from?

- a. B. Woods: Yes, but it has been greatly reduced through this cycle. In 2007-2008 we were inundated by these folks and we were the only local receiving station that could take anything inside and outside of the county. We are getting about 2-3 loads a week from man camps in the area. Other reasons for this, is during the winter, other places freeze up and can't take it and we are a cradle to the grave facility for these folks. The companies like that about us. We can safely take care of it and dispose of it.
 2. J. Justman: Makes sense to me what you guys are doing.
- f. 2017-SM-04 – Gateway-Unawep Fire Protection District – Telecommunications Upgrade Project. Upgrade and enhance districts communications equipment with a station cell phone booster and seven vehicle cell phone boosters to improve communications in the frontier-area to provide positive outcomes for critical situations.
 - i. Grant request: \$6,900
 - ii. Presenter: James Barnett
 - iii. Questions:
 1. J. Justman: How much money is that request total?
 - a. J. Barnett: \$6,900.
 2. J. Justman: How much will this improve your service area-10%, 20%?
 - a. J. Barnett: I wish I had the data to show you, but in order to do that would have required an additional request of that \$6,900 to get that information. What we do have is a radio study model that shows the lack of coverage area in Unawep Canyon and other reports that shows lack of coverage. I can only provide anecdotal information that has been shared with me from the Mesa County Sheriff's Office. They report almost seamless coverage with their mobile boosters and can talk on their phones in places that I can't use my \$6,000 radios.
 3. J. Justman: Does working higher on the plateau improve coverage?
 - a. J. Barnett: We have improved coverage at higher elevation--
 - b. J. Justman: But, it's not consistent. What works today, won't work tomorrow.
 - c. J. Barnett: Correct.
 - d. J. Barnett: What the data is, is an iPhone transmits at 0.5 watts, what the requested booster does, it moves the signal to a higher point for transmission and increases transmission power to between 5 and 10 watts, which is a substantial amount for transmission capacity.

- g. 2017-SM-05 – Town of Collbran and Plateau Valley School District 50 – Sewer Lift Station Replacement. Replacement of the school districts sewer lift station, permitting and installation of a new sewer lift station.
 - i. Grant Request: \$50,000
 - ii. Presenter: Davis Farrar
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. J. Justman: How old is the current system?
 - a. D. Farrar: This is 20+ years old.
 - 2. J. Justman: They have a relatively long life?
 - a. D Farrar: We got this to last a lot longer than we thought.
 - 3. Benita Phillips (Community Member Question): Are you going to use this old one as a redundant system in case the new one fails?
 - a. D. Farrar: No, we totally replace the whole system. In the photos you saw two pumps, that's the built-in back up system. In case one quits, the other one is there to keep working.

- h. 2017-SM-06 – Town of Palisade – Public Meeting Council Chambers Sound System Upgrades. The towns dilapidated and out of date sound system in the meeting chambers needs to be replaced and upgraded to allow the audience to be able to hear the proceedings of the public process.
 - i. Grant Request: \$31,000
 - ii. Presenter: Rich Sales
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. J. Justman: What one is your priority request?
 - a. R. Sales: We really need your audio. Visual we use portable systems now. We use one screen for visual now, but we'd like to be able to use two screens one for the public and one of the members.

- i. 2017-SM-07 – Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority – SCBA Bottle Fill System. The SCBA bottle fill system would provide the ARFF personnel an onsite location in case of emergencies, to quickly fill their SCBA bottles. This would also allow for more emergency trainings.
 - i. Grant Request: \$45,500
 - ii. Presenter: Ted Balbier and Ben Johnson
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. J. Justman: How many bottles do you fill a year?

- a. T. Balbier – A year? I can't even tell you how often. We do trainings all the time-here and in Denver. The fire fighters would be able to do more trainings if we could fill them more often. You're filling bottles several times a month either in Fruita or Grand Junction Fire Departments.
 2. J. Justman: Is there a shelf life after they are checked and filled?
 - a. T. Balbier: They get checked and they get filled several times a month.
 - b. B. Johnson: This would be the benefit that we're limited right now to trainings because of the inconvenience of having to go off site to fill those bottles. If we were ever to have an emergency at the airport, this would be extremely vital because they would be able to be filled at the airport during the situation. If you're working hard, the currently bottles can last 15-20 minutes at a time.
 3. J. Justman: How many bottles do you currently have?
 - a. B. Johnson: Eight, four on each fire truck. A few years ago we received a grant from the district that allowed us to purchase four more. Then we have a handful-3 or 4, that we have stored at a separate location for training.
 - b. T. Bablier: The airport is growing quickly, and this is a vital system needed to help keep people current and keep people as comfortable as we can.
 4. J. Justman: How much would it cost to purchase additional bottles?
 - a. T. Balbier: We aren't looking to purchase additional bottles.
 5. J. Justman: Just as an option, if the bottles are replaceable?
 - a. T. Balbier: \$400-\$500
 6. J. Justman: If you didn't get the grant, you could look to purchase additional bottles to help offset this.
- j. 2017-SM-08 – Grand Junction Housing Authority – Foreclosure Prevention. The grant money would be used to bring families current with their mortgages to prevent foreclosure and stay in their houses.
 - i. Grant Request: \$50,000
 - ii. Presenters: Dawn Walker and Scott Aker
 - iii. Questions:
 1. Benita Phillips (Community Member Statement): If I'm not mistaken, Garfield County and Weld County federal mineral lease districts both have a program that supports foreclosure prevention.
 - a. Scott Aker: I don't know if they do.

- b. Dawn Walker: I cover the entire Western Slope and I'm not sure if they do.
- 2. Benita Phillips: I believe their federal mineral lease districts have continuous support for foreclosures in their districts.
- 3. C. Springer: Just so I understand, the request is to provide direct relief to the borrowers?
 - a. D. Walker: Yes, and the reason I asking for this is because the Making Home Affordable Program ended last year, so when I request a modification it's a crap-shoot. There are not rules right now. They don't have to do a modification if they don't want to. When most of my clients come see me, most of them are behind, and they are working again, and can make their payment, but just not current. So, if we can get them current, it allows them to stay in their home and stay viable and working in our community.
 - b. S. Aker: The numbers we provided are an estimate, on average the cost is \$4,000, per family. Based on this cost we can service 12 families. The Housing Authority funds Dawn and her support through a lot of other grants, so this is total services provided.
- 4. C. Springer: I think you folks do really good work and it's work that is needed in our community, my concern is after listening to the other folks who have been presenters here, our funding is for project specific needs. We do what we can to put our money here. This seems like this would be an ongoing need.
 - a. S. Aker: Every stable house hold helps.
 - b. C. Springer: The jest of this is this, would this request be an on-going commitment from this Board, in your eyes?
 - c. S. Aker: I don't know. I get your question. I'm not prepared to answer your question. We typically have not explored this type of funding. Our hope is that the lingering recession fixes itself, foreclosures go down and we don't need to come back and ask for more money. However, we're not there yet.
 - d. D. Walker: The last year there were more foreclosures than the year before and that was primarily due to layoffs.
 - e. S. Aker: I'd rather her help 12 families than zero. If you like what we do and maybe we come back next year and ask again.
- 5. J. Justman: The loan applicants amortize the loan or lower the rate?
 - a. D. Walker: Correct-they can do both. Sometimes foreclosure ends up being the best option for the family, but when that is not the case they will amortize. But there are no rules now.
 - b. S. Aker: This would get those families in a position to renegotiate.

III. Unscheduled business: none.

IV. Public comment:

- a. Airport Authority- the SCBA bottles are \$1,200-\$1,500 each and last 15 years.
- b. C. Springer moved to adjourn. J. Justman second. Voted. Approved.

J. Meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Notice of this meeting was posted on March 25, 2017, on our website at www.mesaFML.org and at Grand Junction City Hall, 250 N. 5th Street, and at the Mesa County offices, 544 Rood Ave, Grand Junction.