

Lewis County IDA

Governance Committee Meeting

March 26, 2019

8:30 AM

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Jared Thisse, Joe Lawrence, Tina Schneider, Ron Burns, Tom Gillette, Jerry Cayer, Eric Virkler, Brittany Davis, Cheyenne Steria, Tim Petersen

Committee discussed strategic planning process.

- Intent is to have a first priority be an internal, board and staff, discussion on priorities and goals. This work will ensure the Board's vision is outlined and is used to guide day to day staff effort and guide board discussions, agenda's and meetings. A facilitator for this process will be important. The committee discussed possibly individuals who could serve as facilitator. Staff will reach out to three individuals and a committee comprising Jerry, Gagan and Tom will plan to interview interested individuals as the next step.
- A second track, to follow possibly early in 2020, would involved other key stakeholders. County legislators, key community members and business leaders could be included.

Lyonsdale Biomass. Committee discussed revised proposal from the company to resolve the unpaid PILOT. It is recommended that Eric and Attorney McArdle ensure the taxing jurisdictions are included in the process and aware of the status. The insurance coverage for the company is an immediate concern. And we should push the company to make some payment on the outstanding PILOT to cover not just the Town of Lyonsdale but also the school.

Community / Economic Development Fund. Committee discussed the concept of a separate fund generated by agreement with companies that will receive significant tax benefits via the LCIDA. The fund would be utilized for projects throughout Lewis County. LCDC will be approached to determine if that entity could host and administer this fund. Staff will create a framework for how such a fund would be used and administered and this will be discussed at the full board meeting.

Adjourned at 10:00 AM