

Due to inclement weather there was no January meeting.

CEKC-KSABC Planning Meeting (final)

2-13-20167 LAC

Attendees: Jan Stewart, Barb Sexton, Brian Wanless, Bruce Bolme, Darla Johnston,, Karen Long and Linda Williams.

Guests: Ray Lafond, Jacob Anderson, Mike Lesh, Pam Hylton, Debbie Pyle, Kari Fagerness, Hannah Brause, Tracy McCune, Lynda Esaacson,

Minutes: Darla made a motion to accept minutes as amended, Karen seconded, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Still looking for someone to help review the books with Brian. Jan made a motion to accept the report as presented, Barb seconded, motion passed.

Trout Lake Care-At the December meeting Ray had requested the third installment of his grant, has this happened? Is there a way to measure this?

White Salmon Pool now has a checking account under CEKC. **White Salmon Pool Project-** i have no paperwork- We accepted them on the contingency of completed and acceptable paperwork. See Sept. 8 meeting minutes.

Agora- No update

LAC- Roof is almost complete. Commerce reimburses quickly. Putting window replacement out to bid, bathrooms are being updated. They have 2 new board member who bring enthusiasm to the table.

Klickitat County EDA- Has a tenant in the Dallesport School, a research company for using tobacco as a pesticide, for dyes and other uses. Also other plants. Richard is working on WorkForce Development.

Broadband- Last conference was well attended by providers. There might be some competition coming up, that would be a good thing.

Skamania EDA- **nothing in the notes from Kari. Does anyone know if she brought any news?**

Karen - Has received a grant to teach monthly Financial Education across both counties (was it across the river to both states?)

Hannah Brause - is the new Skamanina and Klickitat County Extension Director. Welcome, Hannah! She is a livestock/agriculture specialist but as any Extension agent she can handle anything.

UCC- **Is Underwood Community Council going continue as a CEKC Project?**

Gleaners and Farmers Markets - Not much happening this time of year. GorgeGrown has a year round Farmers Market.

Family Safety Fair- N/A at this time.

Agora- Nothing new but need to get moving again.

Trail Run- Did OK money has been dispersed. Has started planning the 2017 event, will be November 4, 2017.

Oregon Solutions-Lots of interest from many agencies. One topic of discussion was the problem of getting food to the stores and individuals in bad weather. **How do we want to be involved in the Gorge Food Security Coalition, and how much?**

Golden Art Guild Studio/ Incubator- (Formerly Big River Arts and Crafts) Jan made motion to accept Golden Art Guild as an existing member, Bruce seconded, motion passed. They had an existing account and have already changed the name. Will be working with Brian to ensure financial in agreement with CEKC. They put forth a business plan for our review. Looking for adequate space in local facility.

Wind River Academy- Mike Lesh wants to establish this to initiate, support, encourage and enhance high performance computing, manufacturing, advanced imaging and video production in the Mid Columbia Gorge region. See Business plan. We should set him up with Agora at Skamania EDA. Wants to be a project under us until such time as they can be a stand alone 501(C)3. No decision at this time, more discussion needed at later date. Will need ;ots of discussion on this. But cool idea.

Crossroads- Vicki Pfeiffer- needs 501(C)3. Crossroads is a prevention and treatment program, Vicki would like to focus on youth. Look to have a Youth Drop-In Center w/ experiential learning focus. She will be work with Hannah from WSU Extension.

Lyle Fire Dept. -Tracy McCune looking for help with obtaining equipment. She was made aware of several opportunities. Wanted to use our EIN for Legends Casino Grant, but knows not to use until project status is obtained. She also has a cherry orchard and would make available low cost cherries for a fundraising opportunities.

Next meeting will be Mar. 13 at LAC. Morning session will be regular business meeting. The board retreat in the afternoon w/Julie Odell. Lunch will be provided. Bring snacks, if you would like.