

Minutes of Meeting
CDA Economic Development Corporation
January 27, 2020
10:00 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present was Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present was Coeur d'Alene Economic Development Corporation President Gynii Gilliam.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

CDA Economic Development Update with President Gynii Gilliam (Discussion)

Coeur d'Alene Economic Development Corporation (CdaEDC) President Gynii Gilliam provided the Commissioners with an update on her group's current projects.

- **Project Feather:** Ms. Gilliam reported that she had visited Project Feather's proposed site. She said this would be a large company in the technology field, with final employment numbers projected to be about 1,000 people. She stated the salary scales would be good for the management, engineers and technical staff and from \$12 to \$25 per hour for the approximately 600 hourly employees, depending on position and qualifications. She noted that they were competing for this project with other entities in California, Texas, Washington and a second location in Idaho.
- **Project Caribou:** Ms. Gilliam said they had been contacted by this group in late December. She explained that this company was focused on testing new drugs and had contracts with several big pharmaceutical companies. She commented they planned for about 35 employees initially, with about 100 when fully staffed. She noted that they would offer good wages from entry level slots right through to the top.
- **Project Lockerbie:** Ms. Gilliam admitted this was her favorite project at the moment. She said they had made contact with CdAEDC in December also and currently had locations in both Scotland and Florida. She explained they had created a process by which any plastic product could be recycled and turned into an additive to asphalt, thereby reducing the cost of the asphalt and improving the longevity of the pavement. She said they had tested their product in Scotland with good success and wanted to test it in the Northwest, under our different weather conditions. She added that they were willing to buy waste plastic from the City or the County for their process.

Chairman Fillios remarked that it was costing the City of Coeur d'Alene about \$250,000 a year to dispose of plastic waste, so Project Lockerbie could be a very popular group.

Ms. Gilliam said she had spoken to Mayor Steve Widmyer and he had told her they would give the plastic waste to the company for free. She reported he had said he would even be willing to put out a third trashcan for residential service, specifically for plastic collection.

In addition to these larger projects, Ms. Gilliam listed others: a transportation and distribution entity labelled Project ATM, a group that produced medical devices labelled Project Xray, a professional marketing service targeting commercial and residential real estate labelled Project Stars, a manufacturer of race car parts called Project Indy and Project Whiskey, which made whiskey. She said all were in various stages of deliberations.

Ms. Gilliam reminded the Board that their annual meeting/lunch was planned for May 1, 2020, at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. She closed with a list of tours and trade shows CdAEDC planned to attend in the coming year, plus the news that they had recently updated their website and were increasing their publicity in trade journals and social media.

D. Public Comment (Discussion): This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County-related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There was no public comment.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____

Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
