

Minutes of Meeting
CDA Economic Development Corporation
April 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 items. Also present were BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present, via teleconference, was CDA Economic Development Corporation President Gynii Gilliam.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 10:03 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)

CDA (Coeur d’Alene) Economic Development Corporation (CdAEDC) President Gynii Gilliam reported that her group was working primarily from home during the pandemic.

Ms. Gilliam said that Project Feather continued to move forward and their representatives had requested additional information from her. She reported that they had indicated Coeur d’Alene was on their short list of possible locations but they had expressed some concerns about available workforce. She explained the company’s field was technology-related manufacturing.

Ms. Gilliam reported that Project Emerald, which was a large group, had also requested additional information and had said Coeur d’Alene was on their short list of potential locations. She said a new lead that they named Project Synthetic had just come in Friday. She noted this was a plastic manufacturer looking for a 500,000 square foot facility. She stated they had also received two new leads last week from commercial realtors regarding companies that wanted to move to Idaho from Washington.

Ms. Gilliam informed the Commissioners that Project Unlimited and Project Indy had been delayed by the conditions imposed by the pandemic, but still planned to go forward when the situation normalizes.

Ms. Gilliam remarked that the pandemic had impacted businesses in many ways, especially through their supply chains. She described different ways businesses were trying to cope, such as bulk ordering. She stated that her group was providing contacts, information and webinars to help where they could.

FY21 Budget Request (Discussion)

Ms. Gilliam indicated that she was concerned they would have a revenue shortfall due to the pandemic. She said she hoped the BOCC would continue to support her group at the

previous levels. She provided the Commissioners with a packet of information that illustrated how CdAEDC was coping with the pandemic conditions.

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 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
