

Minutes of Meeting
CDA Economic Development Corporation
April 29, 2019
9:00 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 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 9:00 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 President Gynii Gilliam told the Board that her group was working on a number of projects, some of which were technology related. She noted that they had lost some potential projects primarily due to power and water needs that could not be immediately supplied. She explained that company names, products and specific locations under consideration were kept confidential and not revealed even to her group. Ms. Gilliam said her group generally dealt with site selection companies, not the actual entities that would move here.

Ms. Gilliam noted that most companies ask about the local workforce, unemployment rate and infrastructure. She said another concern that affected movement to the area was housing availability.

Ms. Gilliam stated that her group had twelve active projects in process, half from companies already located here that were expanding and half from new entities coming into the area. She stated that about twenty-four more groups were exploring their options in the area but had not made definite plans yet.

Ms. Gilliam said that the I-90 Conference planning was going well; they hoped to reach a new record for sponsors, exhibitors and attendees. She reminded the Commissioners the May 28 - 29, 2019 event would be held at the Coeur d'Alene Resort and that she could provide them with passes if they wanted to attend.

FY20 Budget Request (Discussion)

Ms. Gilliam stated that her group had received \$50,000 in support from the County last year and would be requesting a similar amount this year.

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 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
