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**STILLWATER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Stillwater County West Annex Economic Development Department

431 Quarry Rd

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Webb Mandeville (Chair), Tyrel Hamilton (Vice-Chair), John Beaudry, Joe Cross, Tom Hohn, Terry Nystul, Don Scheafer, and Lindsay Williams.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jenny Kurtz, Ed May, and Travis West.

AT LARGE MEMBERS PRESENT: Forrest Mandeville

AT LARGE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Joel Bertolino, Beartooth RC&D Program Manager

GUEST: Lee Schmelzer, Chairman of the New Library and County Center Steering Committee

STAFF: Marissa Hauge and April Limburg

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Webb called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Marissa addressed the Committee; the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) would like to amend the bylaws to adjust the quorum size to be a majority (50% plus one). Due to a miscommunication this item will be on the July agenda for action.
The BOCC also wanted addressed the lack of attendance for the community outreach meetings to see if it would be necessary to hold more outreach meetings. The Committee discussed that there are two other opportunities for the public to give input and that is at the public hearing once the Plan's draft is completed and again at the Commissioner's agenda meeting when it's before them for their approval. The Committee also said that even if more outreach meetings were held, there is no guarantee that there will be more or less in attendance.
- II. **MINUTES APPROVAL:** Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2014 meeting. Joe seconded; with all in favor, motion carried.
- III. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None at this time**
- IV. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. **Prioritize and Finalize the OEDP's Objectives.** The objectives information was gathered from the community outreach meetings, EDC members recommendations, phone calls and emails from the public, Action Items from Beartooth RC&D's CEDS, and from the previous OEDP plan. Marissa discussed the OEDP objectives in detail in a spreadsheet format in regards to projects, length of term either being long or short, priority, funding possibilities and comments.

(See Economic Development Committee folder in the Economic Development office). The Committee went through the list adjusted some of the priority levels, length of terms, and combining some of the projects. Marissa will make the corrected changes as well as categories the objectives into infrastructure/community facilities, future development, tourism/recreation, and business climate to present to the Committee at the July meeting.

- B. Support Letter – New Library and County Community Center.** Lee gave a brief historical background for the need for a new library and county community center. The BOCC put together a steering committee to address 10 action items. The steering committee is looking for support from the member of the county to precede with the actions items. Lindsay made a motion to provide a letter of support to the steering committee with the modifications that were discussed. Joe seconded; with all in favor, motion carried. Marissa will amend the support letter as recommended by the Committee and get it to the Webb as soon as possible for his signature.

- V. ADJOURN:** With no more business to be discussed, Ty motioned to adjourn. Joe seconded; with all in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m..

The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stillwater County West Annex located at 431 Quarry Rd, Columbus, Montana.

April Limburg
Administrative Support