

Minutes

Wyoming County Planning Commission

April Board of Directors Meeting

April 27, 2016, 12:00 pm

Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, Saulsville, West Virginia

Call to Order: 12:20 pm

Roll Call: Present: Christy Laxton, David Lord, Stephanie Lusk, Jackie Whitley, Vicki Clay, and Larry Mathis.

Absent: Dvon Duncan, Tim Ellison, Michael E. Cook, Everett Frazier, Dwight Shorter, Jr., David “Bugs” Stover, Michael Cochrane, Sue Cline and Dale Stewart.

Introduction of Guests: Christy DeMuth, WVU Law Clinic

Approval of Minutes from February 4, 2016 meeting: Vicki Clay made a motion to approve the minutes of February 4, 2016. The motion was seconded by David Lord and the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business:

Under New Business, President Laxton discussed the Community Fund Scholarship Grant Selection for 2016. President Laxton presented 12 anonymous applications to those in attendance for review. The applications were numbered 1 – 12. Applications #2, #6, and #7 were immediately disqualified due to not applying for attendance at the Wyoming County campus of Southern or the Wyoming County Career & Technical Center and one had a lower GPA than those listed in the requirements. After further discussion, Larry Mathis made a motion to award the \$2,500 scholarship to applicant #12. In case applicant #12 decided not to accept the scholarship award, applicant #11 would be the 1st Alternate and applicant #9 would be the 2nd Alternate. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Lusk and was approved unanimously.

President Laxton presented the sample Community Grant Applications provided by Beckley Area Foundation. After discussion from the board, it was decided that President Laxton will send the sample Community Grant Applications to the committee via email for further discussion at the July meeting. We would like to try to finalize the application in October for a Spring 2017 Award.

Unfinished Business:

Under Unfinished Business, President Laxton asked Christy DeMuth to discuss the comprehensive plan. Discussion followed and handouts were distributed. The mapping exercise was reviewed at the meeting and certain names were given to us for surveys. Additional surveys are needed. The previous planning matrix was discussed and reviewed thoroughly. A DRAFT version of the Comprehensive Plan was presented. Further information will be obtained from the municipalities this summer for a FINAL DRAFT to be presented in October and the FINAL Wyoming County Comprehensive Plan to be presented in December 2016.

Great Eastern Trail Update – Still having issues with Liability Insurance and concerns from the property owners.

Scenic Drive Update – Jackie Whitley gave a brief update on the corridor management plan.

Brownfields Clean-Up Grant – President Laxton informed the Commission that the engineers are working on Sampling Analysis Plans that will then have to be approved by both WV DEP and the US EPA. The process is going much slower than they expected, but should still be completed by the end of the grant period, September 30, 2017.

Groundwork Southern WV – No new update was provided for Groundwork.

Wyoming County Day 2017 – President Laxton announced that Wyoming County Day at the Capitol in Charleston is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2017.

Wyoming County Community Fund – President Laxton announced that the Community Grant Award could be for up to \$2,500 according to Sharon Lilly at the Beckley Area Foundation.

Other Business:

President Laxton passed out a flyer about a public meeting for the Guyandotte Water Trail. The first meeting will be held in Pineville on May 2, 2016 at 4:00PM, with the second meeting to be held in Mullens on May 2, 2016 at 7:00PM. Participation is encouraged.

Next Meeting Date: July 27, 2016, 12:00 PM, at Southern WV Community & Technical College.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM from a motion made by David Lord and seconded by Jackie Whitley.