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Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District
April 8, 2015

In attendance:

David Ludlam
John Justman
Mike McCaney
Chris Reddin
Carley Nelson
Mike Bennette, City of Grand Junction

Meeting was called to order at 2:00p.m.

Approval of minutes

CSpringer motioned to approve minutes. JJustman seconded. Minutes Approved.

Public Comment for items not on the agenda:

None

Payment requests

No payment requests

Review of 2015 Spring Grant Applications

CReddin reviewed the De Beque School district application. Application was turned in late. CReddin questioned whether the board should include their application in scoring process.

CSpringer explained that if the board doesn't have deadlines they won't mean anything and they shouldn't include the application.

JJustman and DLudlam agreed with CSpringer and want to be consistent.

CSpringer moved to not include the De Beque school district application because it wasn't submitted within the deadline. JJustman seconded. Application not included.

2015 Spring Grand Cycle Scores

CReddin presented scores from the 2015 Spring Grand Cycle. Presented 3 recommendations for funding options.

DLudlam opened up discussion on funding options.

CSpringer explained his reasoning for favoring option 1. He doesn't like partially funding grants and if someone is scored the highest they should receive the full amount.

JJustman would like to see the money go to more entities and explained energy impacts.

DLudlam asked if she had any information about the De Beque Fire Protection grant and if they would accept partial funding.

DLudlam preferred funding option B. Questioned if board would agree to fund the top 3 mini grants and increase the funding amounts for CMU and De Beque Fire Protection District.

CSpringer thinks that since CMU scored higher they should receive a higher percentage of funding since they received a higher score than De Beque.

CSpringer reviewed the De Beque's Fire District application.

DLudlam referenced the part of their application that says they could use cash reserves and questioned how the process would work if they were awarded partial funding.

CMcAney recommended including conditions in order to make sure the money is used for the purpose it was allocated for. Thinks their application is unclear as to if they can move forward with the project with partial funding

CSpringer explained that in order for an applicant to receive partial funding their application should be clear.

CSpringer would like the future applications to be clearer on partial funding.

CSpringer motioned to approve option A. DLudlam seconded. JJustman apposed motion. Option A approved.

DLudlam asked CReddin to follow up with all of the applications.

Staff Updates:

CReddin updated board on status of Facebook campaign. Campaign promoted the funding of the Palisade Main Street project. Campaign was very successful and reached over 10,000 people and was shared 30 times. Fruita campaign was successful as well at a smaller level.

CMcAney reviewed the board bylaws and would like to make some updates and draft changes to improve policies and board policies. Ask for board to send him suggestions if they have any.

DLudlam questioned when the next workshop will take place and questioned if the board has anything they would like to discuss besides clarifying the partial funding question.

CSpringer would like to discuss including more regulations on funding limits.

JJustman agreed and since oil and gas production is down, funding will be decrease and thinks the board should discuss having a cap on funding requests.

DLudlam reviewed items to discuss at workshop.

DLudlam asked CReddin to have verbal communication with all applicants.

Unscheduled business:

None

CSpringer motioned to adjourn. JJustman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:40p.m