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FML September 17, 2014

In attendance:

David Ludlam
John Justman
Chris Reddin
Dave Frankel
Pam Newman
Carley Nelson

Notice of this meeting and workshop was posted on September 5, 2014 at Grand Junction City Hall, 250 N. 5th Street, and 544 Rood Ave, Grand Junction.

DLudlam motioned to defer the August minutes until next meeting. JJustman seconded. Minutes deferred.

DLudlam questioned details of minutes and if the minutes reflect appropriate amount of detail.

DFrankel assured DLudlam that the minutes are efficient.

General public comment:

No Comments

CReddin reported grant requests. Discussed signage issue for completed project.

DLudlam doesn't care where the signs are posted, he is more concerned about it getting done. Would like clients to know that signage is required before final payment.

CReddin explained that the signage requirement is in the application.

JJustman motioned to approve payments and consent agenda. DLudlam seconded. Payment issued.

CReddin discussed two RFP responses from Eide Bailly and Dalby, Wendland & Co. Both are eligible applicants and explained requirements for financial services. Explained that one company can do the financials and one can perform the audit.

JJustman motioned for Eide Bailly to provide financial services. DLudlam seconded. Financial services approved.

DLudlam questioned other options for audit.

Pam recommended Chadwick, Steinkirchner, Davis & Co. to provide the audit service.

Board reviewed scoring guidelines. CRedding reminded board that they should mostly score between 5-9.

DLudlam questioned if the board should have a discussion before making funding decisions.

Board reviewed Garfield County's scoring process. They begin the process with discussing scoring and then make decisions based on the discussion and not necessarily the score.

JJustman questioned if board can hold an executive session.

DFrankel explained that the board can hold executive sessions but doesn't believe decisions can be made during the session.

Garfield County doesn't change the scores during discussion they just base their decision off of the discussion and not the scores.

CReddin reviewed meeting with Garfield County and the aspects of their district that she found impressive and efficient. County considers how the County is best served and only takes the scores into account but the decisions are ultimately up to the board. County requires a 5 year strategic plan from eligible entities to show how the community is impacted.

CReddin discussed district schedule and rescheduling the October 8th meeting.

DLudlam instructed staff to cancel the meeting on October 8th and schedule a meeting on the 15th and schedule a workshop for October 13th.

DFrankel discussed Special District Associations Membership.

DLudlam asked staff to provide membership levels and board will approve membership for next year's budget.

DLudlam discussed replacing DFrankel to create separation from the County. Would like district to send a letter to the county thanking them for their service and explain all of the district's accomplishments.

DFrankel reminded board of conflicts between attorneys and applicants.

DLudlam asked DFrankel to provide a list of 5 eligible attorneys.

DFrankel is happy to stay on as district attorney but believes having someone apart from the county gives the district independence.

Unscheduled business:

CReddin discussed 2014 fall applicants. There are two applications that she had issues with that she doesn't believe are enough of a reason to kick out but she wanted the board to be aware of the issues.

Applicant applying for a planning grant want to use investment into a piece of property as their cash match and are asking for \$50,000 from the district. District is only supposed to match half of a planning grant. Board could only award half and require applicant to cash match.

DFrankel reviewed paragraph D and it explains that the match must be cash and the first money spent and he believes they are only eligible to ask for \$25,000 and match \$25,000.

CReddin isn't sure that the verbiage is clear enough in the application to kick out the application.

DFrankel recommended asking for additional information.

CReddin will follow up with applicant. The board could only fund half of the request and require the applicant to come up with the rest as a match.

CReddin reviewed applicant from the Grand Valley Drainage District applying for a mini grant. District is performing a study that is part of the construction project and doesn't consider project a planning grant and won't be providing a cash match.

DFrankel thought that the application sounded like a planning grant and the applicant would have to provide a match.

CREddin didn't think the board should throw out the application but thinks the board should take into consideration before making funding decisions. Applicant included document explaining it isn't a planning grant but board could only fund half of the requested amount and require a cash match.

DLudlam entertained a motion to disqualify the applicant, require a cash match or for the applicant to provide documentation that proves it isn't a planning grant. JJustman seconded.

CREddin reviewed other FML Districts and the money they were awarded this round. Presented option to have applicants give report on their 5 year plan. Could have 2-3 presentations each meeting.

DFrankel discussed whether an applicant can talk with board members about their application. General affairs of the district can be discussed but when it comes down to individual applications, board members should draw the line.

When applications are launched President will remind applicants that applications cannot be discussed with board members.

DLudlam asked to have a DOLA representative on the phone to explain why awarded money is going up but production is down.

DOLA provided document with all entities awarded FML dollars. Board reviewed.

JJustman questioned if there is a cap on money applicants are asking for. Garfield County focused on spreading the money around.

JJustman motioned to adjourn. DLudlam seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:30

Minutes for the September 17, 2014 Federal Mineral Lease District Board of Directors meeting.

Respectfully submitted by the 2014 Board Secretary, Mesa County Commissioner John Justman

Signature _____ Date: _____