

## **EDC Update**

**March 1, 2021**

**1:32 p.m.**

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Becky Butler, Richard DeBolt, Marianne Schumacher, Eric Sonnenberg, Tammy Martin

Guests: Edna J. Fund, The Chronicle, Susan DeLaire

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Richard DeBolt said the EDC is working to help develop legislation that would help pave the way for infrastructure updates in Winlock to help with the creation of a power substation for the Benaroya development.

Richard said the EDC is monitoring developments regarding a proposed gas tax.

Richard and Marianne Schumacher said the EDC's .09 committee has received four applications for .09 funding. They said the group would meet in March to review the applications.

Richard said the EDC will host an event in May to discuss economic development and struggles, including a shortage of raw materials for construction projects.

Eric Sonnenberg said different technology and manufacturing sectors have been reaching out to the EDC in the past couple years about interest in developing in Lewis County.

Richard said some groups have expressed interest in the Industrial Park at TransAlta (IPAT) site but that the group recognizes the uncertainty surrounding the future of the property, which the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is considering acquiring.

Marianne said a flood stakeholders meeting will take place March 10.

Meeting ended at 1:49 p.m.