

Update with the EDC

June 7, 2021

1:34 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, County Manager Erik Martin, Marrienne Schumaker, Richard DeBolt, Becky Butler

Guest(s): Claudia Yaw, Edna Fund, Susan DeLaire

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Richard DeBolt updated the Board about the Twin City Transit grand opening. Richard met with the president and may have the possibility for moving production of transit busses here in Lewis County.

The Lewis EDC is working on an Energy Coalition. They have hired Clarity Consulting and are looking to provide an energy hub. On July 8, 2021, there will be a United Way Learning Center groundbreaking. This will be beneficial for area school districts and Centralia as a whole.

Richard said the directors of LEDC and Board members were able to raise money for small business loans. The loans have the ability to be revolving with low interest or possibly no interest loans.

The LEDC has intentions of applying for an Economic Development Administration (EDA) contract in September 2021.

Richard said there have been lots of area businesses inquiring about the workforce in Lewis County and available housing. Richard said he is working with Commissioner Swope and some stakeholders to host a housing summit. This will include medium income housing.

Richard said there is a partnership between the Lewis EDC and Cardinal Glass as well as Lewis EDC and a Brewery.

Richard said .09 has two applications to review including the City of Vader's sewer project and a project from the East Lewis County Public Development Association (ELCPDA).

Richard said the Lewis EDC deals primarily with commercial and industrial business. The Chamber deals with retail businesses. The Lewis EDC has doubled in membership over last year and he feels there a great partnerships to offer unity to the community.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.