

Update with EDC

January 4, 2021

1:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock

Present via zoom: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Swope, Daniel Rich, Susan Delaire, Marianne Schumacher, Kaity Nissell, Erik Martin

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Marriane Schumacher said the EDC has worked with Lewis County to award over 1 million dollars, they have also worked with Washington State Department of Commerce to distribute \$340,000 for working Washington grants, rounds 1 and 2.

Dan Rich said the grants have been distributed in record time. He gave thanks to Becky Butler for all her help. They are looking to bring in new businesses to Lewis County and there has been recent interest in business moving from Thurston County to Lewis County, according to Dan Rich. Distressed County funds for March 12. The deadline to apply is February 2021. Ben Kostick is the new chair for the EDC.

Commissioner Stamper said he appreciates all of Dan Rich's help with the EDC. The EDC brings in responsible growth to Lewis County.

The EDC recently selected Richard DeBolt as the new EDC director. His official start date is January 15, 2021.

Meeting ended at 1:48 p.m.