

Economic Alliance update

June 6, 2022

1:31 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Commissioner Grose, County Manager Erik Martin, Eric Eisenberg, Becky Butler, Richard DeBolt, Todd Chaput, Dolly Tardiff, Mindy Brooks, Lee Napier, Meja Handlen, Arny Davis

Guest(s): Kyle Heaton, Nic Scott

Recorder: Tammy Martin

Dolly Tardiff spoke about the Micro Lending program for small businesses. These are low interest loans based on prime interest rates with 3 month terms.

Dolly said the Gary Stamper scholarship was awarded to Gary Dodson at the White Pass High School senior night on June 5.

Richard DeBolt said Samantha Mitchell of the Youth Advocacy Council presented before the Economic Alliance Board and Samantha Brumgartner with the Centralia Coalition presented as well. Richard said the Autism Coalition will take place in July.

The Economic Alliance is currently working with IPAT with site negotiations.

Todd Chaput said donations and pledges were made during the Fox Theatre tour. Richard said there has been great interest from the Cowlitz tribe in having cultural events.

Todd said he continues to have individual stakeholder meetings regarding upcoming projects that are ARPA related. Todd said the Housing Alliance has started to have meetings on how to streamline permitting and zoning. Commissioner Grose feels legislative changes will need to be addressed in order to solve housing issues.

Todd said he is currently working with WDFW to reprioritize fish related passage projects based on scheduled city and county projects to utilize the "dig once" program.

Todd said having funding available for future projects impacts the completion timelines.

Todd said MIG Consulting identified key values based on community input and based on key data, they will provide additional alternatives to save or protect people and structures.

Meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.